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Macomb Ills. Feb 7th 1885

Dear Ezra D. Richardson.

Was very glad to get your letter some weeks since and have been very busy, or would have replied sooner. I suppose you do not go to school. this cold weather, but are studying under the tuition of your mother. Do you not think she is a splendid teacher, and can not you not go away beyond the girls. who have teachers, who have not graduated at Mt Holyoke Sem.? I think you might, if you try hard. We have had a good deal of snow, and sleighs have run merrily. and to-night it seems as if we might have more snow soon. Have you had any sleigh-rides, or does not your father take you, when he goes to see sick people? Some of these cold days, I think he must be glad not to have people get sick very much. You have nice papers to read I presume. I have been reading some numbers of the Youth's Companion recently, and I was very much interested in them. You take that, do you not? There are lots of nice things to read, but do you not know, that the best book, in the world, for you and every one else to read, is the Bible. Do you study your Sabbath School lesson a good deal? I have been studying mine, at times, all the week and to-morrow, when my young ladies come to the class, I hope I shall know enough about the way the Jews treated Paul, because they supposed he did and said, what he had not thought of saying or doing, to say some things, which they have not thought of about accusing others of doing wrong when we do not know of a certainty, that they have so now Dear, do you ever say Edna or Anna have done things, which you are not certain they have done, and did you know, that is telling a falsehood? Do you not think those Jews acted very badly to want to beat Paul, and that was just what Paul had wanted to have done to Stephen twenty six years before. Do you suppose he thought about how he took care of the clothes of those, who stoned Stephen? I hope you study these lessons every week and think about them too.

Now Dean you are eleven years old and did you ever think you are old enough to be a very good boy and help every body around you, in some way? Some boys never think of any thing, but having their own way, and making others do just as they want them to. You do not do so, do you? I do not like, men, women or boys and girls who feel and act so, do you? The teacher, who boards here has one such boy, and she does not like him and I do not wonder at all

Much love to all the family

I send the letter your mother sent to me in this envelope

Please give it to her. Yours affectionately

H. A. Baird

East Woodstock Conn, July 24th.
Dear Mary,

Anna is here, and has read your last to us. and we can all realize, how lonely your home is, now that one has gone from it, who was always there, and while, for years, you could but foresee what must be the ultimate result, yet (as it always is) when the end came, it took you by surprise. I have thought of you very often, but have been at Leonard's till Saturday night last, for two or three weeks, and have been so busy, that letters could not be written by me, to any one. I cannot write what I have been doing, but will tell you, when I see you

Anna will write in a day or two

P.S. All send love. Please write me whether Albert can accommodate me. H. A. B.

I do not think I shall go home now, until Sept., as I want to do a little more at Leonard's and shall be here, now, till past the middle of Aug. Found the house needed repairs both inside and out, and I have had to use strength and money to put things in decent order. William has not sent me my Apr. allowance, and I suppose will not, until I get home, and, of course, having to spend so much, runs me short of money. Could Albert send me fifty dollars or so, to be replaced, when I get home? To secure him, I will send him a note of his own, to hold, until the money is sent back with, perhaps in addition, as the check, allowance will come very soon after I get home! I do not care for the money from Albert until Sept, as I expect some, from Margaret, for rent, to-day or to-morrow I am very well and think with all the hard work, I have gained steadily in strength Went to the Park on the Fourth and to the reception at Mr. Bowen's the evening previous, and had a very enjoyable time. Your Aunt Pamelia is about as usual She wishes you were here, to visit with Anna and the rest of us. When are you going to Waterloo? I think a change will do you good. Anna seems well and very cheerful Your Uncle Leonard is fully as well as usual. I guess.

Love to all

or was on Saturday night
when I left there. He met
Anna at Dunnebang, and
brought her to his house
and then we both came
here. We hope to make Anna
enjoy her vacation. After
her return, to Boston. Mrs. Drae
and Mrs. Carpenter will go
to the sea-shore, for a week
or more, and I will keep
house for the cats, if they wish,
and then stay at Leonard's
a week or two longer, and then
I think, I will go home.
Will stop a day or two in
Boston. with Anna. then go
on and stop at Sycamore
to see the Cemetery and will
stay a few days with you and
get home in Sept, I guess

Yours affly
H. A. Bailey

East Woodstock Conn. June 24th

Dear Mary,

Yours, containing the intelligence of Dean's death, came to Pamelia last Monday, and she, at the time, being in the midst of her painting and papering, sent the letter to me, at Leonard's, thinking I would write you immediately, but it lay in the office there so I did not receive it until yesterday. Thus much, for our seeming neglect. We sympathise with you, in your affliction as we, always, have, in his trouble but, that the poor little suffering body is at rest, makes us feel that we can, easily, say from the heart "Thy will be done." I feel as I did, of Ezra and of Louisa, there was nothing but suffering in store and it was a mercy to them, when it was ended. I have thought of you often and wondered how your strength held out, with the demands upon it, but now, when the care is removed, do you not feel as if you could not go another step? Still there are other cares, to occupy time and strength. I hope you will not find that you are all worn out. now there is time to think of yourself. It does seem sad, that of the few friends you have all live too far, away to come to you at the time of your affliction, but I know. there are friends not allied by ties of blood, who could be there to help and to sympathise. I have been at Leonard's most of the time, since early in May, and came back here, this A.M. to abide until after Fourth of July, and then I do not know, whether I shall stay two or three weeks there again. or start home Leonard and Pamelia have both urged me to stay a little longer, now, that it is a pleasant season to go about, I am vain enough to think I have done enough something to improve his home, and he said, yesterday he never expected his home or clothes to be fixed up again, as they now are If I stay there longer, I shall do more still. If Anna could have her vacation in time. I would like to wait, until she comes here and could visit with her, better than I can in her business hours. I will write her soon, I am well and growing fleshy. All send love to you and much sympathy Love to all.

Yours affectionately
H. A. Bailey

Sabbath Day March 27 1864

My dear Niece, Fanny Lane

Last evening I rec'd a letter from you of March 11 and one from Rev Phinehas Bond who lives & preaches the Gospel in Jay, where my dear Sister Fuller lived and died — & he is a Faithfull labourer, lost 1 of his 3 army Sons by sickness some time since & wants me to see to grave stones for him.

On Mond last I entered my 91st year, in as comfortable health ~~as~~ as I dare ask for, & as poor as any of my friends could wish from a Misfortunes at the close of my business life by mismanagment of others when too old to do business myself — But I have long hoped I had a "treasure in Heaven" of which none can ever deprive me, and that is my consolation, 50 years since my conversion

I believe I have but 6 or 7 of my
Nieces living and they are well
stricken in years probabably all over
60 years_ in 1847 I had 12 in all
Dec 15_ but you are one grade later
I am not certain that I have over
4 or 5! Some doubt on my mind &
so I have had you & those of yr grad
for pleasant correspondents this far
Mary B Homer of your Grade is one of
those left Bri — A well trained Physician
in Holyoke Seminary M D to his name
of Uncle Williams grade, a pleasant cor
respondent & you can take my
place as I am going Home! 3 40
or 240 not certain, one part of the time
You that are well educated I think
ought to keep good our good line
Tell her if you please that I wanted
you to take & fill up my place
as I was expecting to go home ere long
Sarah C Bond a School teacher in
Jay Maine is another pleasant friend
of mine & correspondent daughter of
Rev Phinehas Bond in Jay Maine

Dont forget My friends but write
them & help to keep up the chain
at least so far as I have done up to
90 years. — I am now looking
out for a letter from my Son Elias
& hope not to learn that he has lost
his Wife, as I have some reason to
fear — His good mate Son doing
well at the Hartford Seminary &
I have rec^d 5 a 6 letters from him
Mass 100, Conn & Maine 50 each
when I heard the number, and
a first rate Institution as to the
Managers & Instructors — Ours
has made good improvment
& will doubtless make a true full man
He has a fine family growing
up & doing first rate in Education
with all as fast as they are ready
for good efficient school teachers
I shall aim to tell you of my Son
& Wife "If the Lord will" If I get his
letter soon to relieve your mind
My love to your Mother & family Circle

Tell them all I am going up to see
that Long and Beloved Sister of mine
whenever the Summons comes to me
saying "your work below is done and
you must come up & see a Host of
departed friends" — No man
here so old as I am by about 13 months
the next in our Village almost 7 years
younger! One Woman 93 in pure
mind & in good health I believe —
Oh the solemn thot of having lived
5 years with no relative here to call
in Socially & spend an hour with
me since I have done with my
business & Society. — Not one of the
most prominent complaints of
aged men so common to be felt!
Competent to every known duty!
I kept in about home some weeks to
avoid all the cold winds as one
an able Physician cautions me
to do — and live on nourishing food
Such now is what 90 years will do
I remain Very Aff your
friend & relative E Bond
Don't forget my love to all friends

Hallowell Wed March 21 1849

My dear Niece,

As I ascend th vale of years you are no doubt meditating occasionally upon the time when you are to hear that the last has fallen! On the 14th Inst I entered upon my 76th year, and yet I am enabled to write tolerably strait & plain for one of my age for so it is generally acknowledged, & here I stand as a monument of spared mercy far along on the 27th year beyond all of a large family except your dear Mother who has been gone home almost 5 years & 10 months, and I am still left to make my way alone in one sense, but Oh! how unexpected has been the ways of Providence to us all at such a dispensation, but so it is among us— and I am almost as much surprised at your age & your Brothers as at my own, to think how you & he have followed so hard after me, and he but about 8 years short of my age —11 days short of that! Where is he and how is his health and family? — I think he lives in Dartmouth Mass — is it not so? — let me know all when you answer this letter if you please, as I wish to hear—

I recd a Paper wh gave me th acct of the death of my last Brothers Widow very suddenly at Brimfield aged 79 I wrote her a letter & sent a paper printed here in wh it was inserted, But I learn nothing further

Four Brothers & their Widows all gone & left me alone! What a situation I stand in! but one more arrow to fly and all gone forever from this vale of tears! and what a glorious thought with out they all had a work of grace on th heart

But to those prepared what a Glorious thot! what a relief!

It has been a consoling thot to me that altho gone I could think of so many in our time who were pious & well prepared and all others we can leave in the hand of God, knowing that He will do no injustice, no not the least, You have had your trials and afflictions and I have had mine and we have been spared to survive them all as dealt out to us as Infinite wisdom has seen meet for our good perhaps — tho we cannot see the why or where fore —

His ways are equal but not ours! & He might say to us as to one of old, "What I do thou knowest not now, but thou shalt know hereafter" — It was hard work for me to give all up & become a boarder after more than 40 years of Housekeeping, but I have seen the hand of God in it many a time I can assure you & very impressibly

With my declining years I have found a burden rolled off from my mind and myself relieved very sensibly, and have been able to go & come with confidence that your Aunt was in good hands. — After a pleasant year of boarding in a pious good family — On the 18 day of last May your Aunt went to Augusta to spend some time in the families of 2 of her connections, one of whom was an only tho a half Sister as we call them, as all the family here have been dead some years — dying at various times —

I went to my Son Williams at the same time where I still remain, tho I go up & spend 2 or 3 days there occasionally — She had the Pleurisa badly but is now better

I have spent about 6 or 7 days at Gardiner since about the last of Jan, where my Son Franklin & Son were at work Williams oldest Son Wm Mason also, his Cousin name Wm Spencer

You will almost think of me like what is called "A Bird of passage" while about closing up my 75th year, tho not common for my age — I keep along comfortably & over see money matters in my business and Wm takes care of the sales &c — I am doing a carefull prudent business but we are neither of us very modern, but I have now kept along 45 years in this village & outlived about 16 that selling concerns — and even now no one but myself keeps a full neat assortment but myself alone at 75! Wm entered his 51st year last month & is in comfortable health but far behind father in energy & activity after all —

But all are like themselves, & I can move quick even now wherever occasion calls for it — Walked up to Augusta & down again one week with but a small exception of one short ride — about 2 miles where yr Aunt boards — with a Widow who has 2 little Sons — a very likely woman whose Husband run to ruin in about 6 months & died Chicago — Wisconsin! and there lies far away from all friends! She is about years old I believe a fine active woman and greatly esteemed and beloved as a general thing

I expect yr Aunt will move her place a few rods to her half Sister in all next month, but I know of no further move for me — permanently except to "The house appointed for all the living" — and I feel the great necessity of being ready, with all my work done, & I only ask that I may be as well prepared as your dear Mother was

That calm peacefull countenance seems so familiar even at this day of my life that I love to dwell upon the reverie and hope to meet her on Mt Zion above! Oh! the Blissfull thot! that I may hope to meet many friends there

Wed March 20, While my letter has been delayed another from Cous Elias has reached me this day and very welcome, dates from Aug 22 untill Oct 6 Inclusive - as full of business as he can be and can see no relief from any quarter so far as I have seen - all is going on well & improving for the good of his people there and a Blessing seems to rest on all his endeavours in doing good His health remained very good - and his more promising - Mond Apl 2 - Our first Boat left for Boston for the season - Ice broke thro on the night of March 28 - and I went up to see my aunt ~~mid~~ morn and found her but slowly improving - no chance to get out, but much depends on dry & favourable weather for her to move round.

When you write your Brother will you remember me very kindly to him & family I intend writing when I hear from him thro your line, wh I hope will be soon as I really wish to hear from you all once more. - No word from Mr Homer—

Mr Elias Bond

Mrs Lucretia M Dean
Woodstock
Care of Mr Leonard Dean
Conn

from E Bond
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Woodstock

Woodstock

Oct 15
Woodstock

I shall be pleased to hear from you and your Children & all friends and wish to be kindly remembered to Mrs Mason and family - Oh! how I should find things changed were I to be permitted to visit you again! But that you are well aware is all uncertain as my days are so near the close and altho in good health I may fall unexpectedly to you all no security against it Let your Children have a large share in my affections & their families

Your very Aff friend & relative
E Bond

Hallowell Tues Oct 15 1850

My dear Niece,

Last evening I had the pleasure of receiving & reading your kind letter of the 10 Inst and thank you for the information it contains respecting my relatives and friends, tho I regret that your Brother enjoys so little health & has become so much broken down, and feel surprised to read on the great Family Record that he is now more than 68½ years of age! not quite 8 years younger than myself! and with far less health it would seem. I had forgotten that your daughter out West married a Clergyman, but I rejoice for her that she has such a man for her Companion in life. — You seem less in regard to Grand Children than myself — Wm has 2, Wm Mason who will be 20 Dec 1 — and Edward Emerson 17 last July — My Son Franklin has one only child, a Son Wm Spencer who will be 21 early in April next — works in the Boston City Printing Office in State Street No 18, a promising young man — his father has no family no settled home. Your Cous Elias has a daughter — Ellen Marina for her Mother, who is 9 years old — Born Sept 29 — The next a Son "George Shepard", named for our former Pastor — in whose Class he graduated in the Theo Sem at Bangor Sept 1840 — "Elias Cornelius" whom you knew so well as an Agt for the A B C in whose service he died on his first journey in Com I think — & his name united mine with it — These 2 Sons were both Born May 21, on the anniversary of the Parents landing on heathen shores while the annual Missy meeting was holding in 1841 — They stood on the shore & bid them welcome

Born *just* *2 years* a*part* — perhaps 1844 & 45 so I think "Thomas French" Born Feb 28 1849 — so you will see they have *one majority* at *Kohala* — Island of Hawaii Sandwich Islands — & all healthy Children

I am not without my fears in regard to the health of his Wife — who has more energy than constitution and I wait patiently to hear again — as she was not well June 18 his last date — and he was not without some *fears* as to the state of her health — & no woman but the natives for many miles around them, so that you will see at once the critical situation he would be left in were she to fail — but I hope *not* for she has been a *real* *Miss'y* *Wife* to him and is an *excellent Mother*

I hope I may hear before I send this, as our letters come thro the San-Francisco Post Office latterly to us

I have not room to give you his chequered history but it has been very trying as well as deeply interesting — and I am glad you saw any acct of his misfortunes and the movement to rebuild his Chh — To be *90 feet* by *50* — of one *high* story and *all* of *Stone* — hoping to withstand those tremendous gales wh prostrated his other noble house all in one common ruin Dec 21 1849 as you may have seen — Very *earnest appeals* have been made in his behalf in some Religious papers as you may have seen — Over $200 had been contributed By the accounts we have seen in *our* *Christian Mirror* in various places by several Societies individuals &c about 216 I think — Any thing would ever raise a *Christian* *sympathy* his unfortunate situation must, after having toiled 6 a 8 months on the other & expended 5 a $600 from his own means by hard pinching in his own means of living while it was building — But *after all*, I rejoice that his faith in the precious promises of God is unwavering, tho at times so much shaken especially when he saw the House of God all in ruins and not one place as to a building where they could assemble he says "We *will* keep on trying untill the Day Star again arise upon Zion" (in our midst" - "Tho a darker day I never saw" — Again he says — "Justice & Judgment, I well know are th habitation of the Almighty's throne, but Oh, the thick clouds & darkness which are now round about it! Yet however much my own heart may may despond, an *appearance* of cheerful hope must be kept up, before our people — Should the "*Kumu*" (Missionary) be suspected of faint heartedness *not another* stroke *would* be *struck* in our work" — Such is his situation all depends (under God) on his *cheerfully going ahead*. During the sweeping sickness of Oct 48 to th close of 49 400 of his people died, while but 80 were Born; Jan — Feb — & March last 100 deaths & but 40 Births which shows how they are wasting away as a people as a Nation — About 1400 Chh members in good standing by the last acct I have seen reported of his Church

I have been thus particular as I concluded you would all feel a lively interest in such an arduous work as he has been engaged in from June 26 1841 to this time — Who can wonder at th Christian sympathy felt for him under such circumstances, while he is so well known and his untiring diligence has not been out of sight — more of wh I could tell you did it become me *as a* *Father* to *speak a word of it*, but I leave it here and just remark that unless Providentially called away from his present place of labour, he expects never to leave it, but to labour thro his days in that field

The attachment is mutual & happy between him & his Chh — and they have *plead* *hard* for him never to leave them — and when I think of the great change among them since he commenced th building the other House of God I am fairly astonished — a large well clad audience in the place of *dirt* & *rags* before him and sitting down in the *dirt* without any floor!! Oh the change that God has wrought thro him as his instrument

At th last anniversary of his Schools between 14 & 1500 all indeed — all well clad, some richly so & nearly all tastefully so, and each of the 20 Schools had its own Banner — took a circuit of about one mile & then all returned to the "feast" where they had full enjoyment

Now let us all for one moment reflect that he arrived at his station over a mountain & among the clouds June 26 1841, & then descended to his new home where he arrived about ½ past 7 P.M., in Co with Rev Mr Jones, who spent 2 or 3 Sabbaths & preached & got him introduced so as to converse a little by signs only Did not know 6 words of the language when he entered there — and yet in 3 months he could lead all his meetings during the week — but not preach of course 749 were added to the Chh in one year of the great Revival 300 of whom as the first fruits of his labours January first & 277 at the next quarterly Communion, blessed work!

God has indeed owned & blest his labours in His service and I feel the most unshaken confidence that He will "Never leave him nor forsake him" but will sustain him even unto the end in all his arduous labours —

Think — Oh think what a self denying life a faithful Missionary must live situated as he is, shut out from all truly civilised Society with any refinement

We had an excellent young man Ordained on Wed last — One who was Ordained Dec 6 1848 died Oct 29 1849 of Typhoid fever 28 years old, & a choice man —

I am pleased to learn that you have one so worthy connected with your family — a rich blessing — and to learn that all your Children are doing so well in this "vale of tears" — The Lord ever richly Bless them all as members of His Chh on Earth & prepare us all for a reunion beyond the swellings of Jordan.

I was laid up with Influenza about 2 weeks But am now comfortable again — 76 & 7 months yesterday

My kindest & best wishes to all yr Children & friends Mrs Mason & daughter particularly — blessings upon you all

Yours ever aff friend & relative E Bond

My dear Niece Hallowell April 26 1824

Rev Mr Gillet our worthy Pastor being about to commence a journey to your State to see his friends - and to pass through your Town where he has a Sister - (The widow Johnson) I could not well let the opportunity pass wholly unimproved as to writing -

I have lately written your good Mother, and am daily expecting an answer by private conveyance, & hope to hear that the friends there are all well & happy

I was glad to hear that you had got into the *Ark of safety*, & embraced the Gospel of our LORD & Saviour

We have a Unitarian Society (small) and they have money, & are building a Meeting House, and have a *smooth pleasant preacher* of *Morality* - But the *Truth* will stand unmoved amidst all the changes & errors of this world, & shine *brighter* & *brighter* untill *perfect day* - We have a Congregational - a Baptist & a Methodist Society here - and those have united in a plan of good for nearly 15 Months, by a *Union Prayer Meeting* which is held every other Tuesday Evening - and has been attended with a Blessing, as the LORD has evidently begun a good work among all 3 of those Societies, which is deep, silent & solemn of late, and I humbly hope that 50 persons are more or less awakened

In Winthrop, 6 miles from me - your Cousin Phinehas Bond has been preaching about 4 months to general acceptance - and a week ago yesterday, 14 were Baptised there - and 11 have been Baptised here - 7 Baptists & 4 Methodists by immersion of late - and the good work is going on in many places in our vicinity & State, and I know of nothing equally important to Souls destined to exist forever in Sorrow or joy inconceivable

Your Mother & myself being all that remains of our family, it gives occasion for many solemn reflections as we believe that we also are far on the downhill of life - and bound ere long to our Eternal home, but I hope in at least some good measure prepared, tho so undeserving of it

We all need the comforts and consolations of Religion to support us under the trials, sorrows, disappointments and afflictions of this life – but above all to prepare us for the final judgment, and the Glories of Heaven hereafter –

My family are as well as usual, & your Aunt J Bond & her son aged about 6 years have been with us 4 months

O! how numerous the changes & the deaths among our connections for about ten years past – But such is this life – Nothing permanent but the Religion of Christ –

Remember us to all your family – tell them all to seek Religion & become permanently happy for Time & Eternity –

If time admits now, or on Mr Gillets return, write us an answer to these few lines – & let us know how you are and your friends so far as you know. With many good wishes

Mrs L Dean
Your affectionate Uncle E Bond

Mrs Lucretia Dean
Killingly
Con
Rev E Gillet

NB I am glad to learn from the Missionary Herald that your Town is somewhat engaged in the great concerns of the Christian world at this day – & it becomes us all to be up & doing while life & opportunities lasts

We collect annually about $10 in our Family Mission Box which we have now kept in our family for about 3 years –

Hallowell Aug^t 2 1820

My dear Niece, I am sensible that this letter will be a very unexpected one to you - tho I hope not the less welcome - however unimportant in its contents - I feel desirous to embrace this very favourable opportunity of writing by a friend of mine about to travel that way, & I hope near your place of residence - As you probably correspond with your Mother I presume you hear from us occasionally as to our family concerns and may therefore have learnt that in Oct 1818 we had a Son wounded on his head by a mischievous School Boy - by which means he became deranged - & remained so with some intervals of reason for many months - from the first he kept but little food down - & for about a year eat but one regular meal each 24 hours & that he retained but a few minutes - for about 4 months he had been wasting away untill he became a mere skeleton - but owing to the derangement walked about untill almost the last - was not confined to his bed a whole day and on the 4th of July rode about a mile tho he had not rode for months - On Friday July 7 at half past nine O'clock he passed the great change which awaits us all - and died in the exercise of his reason without a struggle or a groan - & to him death seemed to have lost all its terrors - and his countenance was pleasant as the clear setting sun and at the last he seemed to forget all his pains & sufferings which had been great & of long continuance - We called him Joseph Davis and he was born Sept 27 1806 - and was a most affectionate as well as a beloved Child from his very early years - Altho he was young he was fully in mind, full of the necessity of a seasonable preparation for the great change which he was evidently sensible for months awaited him - and we had many consoling evidences that he was (in his intervals of reason) endeavouring to prepare for the day of his death - & he lived a lived two months longer than he or his friends expected and people who saw him were astonished to see his life so protracted & he so wasted away — he had ever been an attentive studious Child & made good improvement & perhaps we hoped too much in him — in such cases how often are all our anticipations of future satisfaction cut off in a moment least expected — which ought ever to teach us "To set our affections on things Above & not on things on on the Earth" that we may be ever ready to say — "Not my will O Lord but thine be done" — And when we view the lifeless remains of our dear friends we can then say — "The Lord gave & the Lord hath taken away, and blessed be the name of the Lord" — Seeing that life & all its enjoyments are so transitory how all important that we improve our present opportunity in a reasonable preparation for another and a better world — lest we should have to say at the last when it is too late "The harvest is past — the Summer is ended & I am not saved" — "Now is the accepted time and Now is the day of Salvation" and we are called upon in the most solemn manner by the word of GOD and also by His providences to improve the day of life that we may not be found unprepared at the last. — Without vital Religion we can find nothing to support us amidst the cares the trials & afflictions of life — in sickness and death nothing else will bear us up

I hope you have found this Pearl of great price — this "One thing Needfull" to smooth your way through this state of trial and probation — If you have you enjoy "that peace of mind which this world never gave and has not the power to take away" that Peace of mind which nothing destroys

I hope I have been a traveller in this path for seven years - and I can assure you that it is a most pleasant one — I had tried to make Morality answer as all sufficient but happily for me as well as your Aunt we were undeceived — Morality is indispensably necessary - but will never answer as a substitute for Religion — That Religion of the Heart which will smooth the rugged path of Life and make our way to Heaven safe and sure — It is a never failing source of comfort on a sick bed gives light joy & animation in death and uninterupted Bliss through the endless ages of a boundless Eternity —

For a few months past we have had a very unusual attention to Religion among us & for about three months we have had in our three Societies about 20 Religious meetings weekly — 13 have been added to our Church & 14 now stand propounded and 6 have joind the Baptist Church — the Methodist Society take them upon 6 months trial in their Class - and I do not know how many will eventually join their Church — Your Cousin George Bond who lives near me joind with us in June as did a number more of young people and most of them who are now propounded are young people - and appear to have been renewed by Divine Grace - so far as we are capable of judging from the best evidence we can get - the change is sensibly striking among many of our youth as well as others - and we hope that there will yet be a good addition made to the Church of Christ before the end of the Revival and many are now seriousl concerned respecting those all important considerations that without a change from nature to Grace they can never be happy truly happy in time or Eternity — Let us then endeavour to improve our short space of life in such a manner as will give us peace in Death & a welcome to all the Joys of the Paradise of GOD when life is done

we have a Son about 14 months old in a feeble way — the rest of our friends in our quarter are at least comfortable — — —

Accept for yourself & family our united love and best wishes for your happiness temporal and Eternal — Your Affectionate Uncle

Mrs L Dean E Bond

OCT 12

Mrs Lucretia Dean
Killingly
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Watertown November 15th 180[illegible]

Dear Friend

The first letter from an absent friend [illegible] be the most agreeable thing to amuse one in writing, you wrote you enjoyed health and happiness, such revived in me those pleasing remembrances which not only enlivened but expand the heart, the agreeable acquaintance I have had with you entices me to write to you hopping thereby to gain a correspondence with you in writing which if you believe me I am verry desirous of, I want verry much to see a letter from you and hope you will not omit the first opportunity I flatter my self with the pleasure of seeing you soon but I shall not unless you will take the trouble to come to see us I must acquiese myself in being seperated from the girl that I so much vallue and esteem, it has been pretty sickly around here & there has several small children died of the disentery in this town Edgell has been verry sick with it & he had 33 worms come away from him but he is got as well now as he was befo[re] he had it, Mrs Thayer remains verry much as she was when you received your other letter, my Dear Lucretia you know not how I want to see you but as I cannot I must be quiet forward my compliments to all my cousins give my love to aunt, I must conclude for this time write to me the first opportunity if you please, adieu all, I am your affectionate niece —

Miss Lucretia Mason

Hitty Dow

Miss Lucretia Mason

Woodſtock,

Watertown Feby 7th 1806

Kind Friend.

The clock has now struck nine: but I cannot delay writing any longer, as so good an opportunity is presented for sending it. but I trust I am writing to one who is considerate enough to excuse an incorrect scrawl as I have no time for composition; we have all been in good health since grandmam left Water... except Mr F... he has been failing ever since and gets no help from any one, he has been to one Mrs Shaw in boston which advertised in the news paper for curing consumptions, she cured one Girl in Bost which was reduced to almost nothing, and since he found no relief from her he has been very much discouraged and says he never expects to be any better, and it is thought in general he never will see March out.

I must inform you of the death of Aunt Susanna Bond who laboured under a short but painful sick-ness she was at meeting the 29 of Decr and died the 9th of Jany and was buried the 12th her death was occasioned

by her heart's breaking inwardly the Doctor
told her if she would undergo the opperation
of being cut open there was a chance for
her life, but she said she had got to be
old and thought it of no use as she could
not live. always if she did, thus we see the
young and old cut off ~~and~~ some without a minutes
warning, and others, with a long and lingering
sickness; behold a young man in the prime
of life labouring under the distressing sick-
ness which he bears with fortitude and pa-
tience and trusting in the mercy of him
who made him that he shall recover
but alas! no relief is found and he despairs
and sinks away.

I believe I must close my writing
(as it is past ten) with wishing you health
and happiness; please to give my best
respects to our aged grand mother and
your Mama and Brothers I have nothing
further in particular to write; but I hope
you will not fail of writing the first

and every opportunity; with respect
I remain your sincere friend Kitty
Miſs Lucretia Mason.

NB Mrs Whitcum requested if I had an opportunity to send her love to Grandmam and you

Miſs Lucretia Maſon
Woodſtock
Conn.

Watertown Decr 30th 1804

Respected Girl.

Now while midnight taper burns and all nature slumbers I employ my pen in writing a few Invalid ideas to my Dear Lucretia. Icannot bear to let an opportunity pass without writing as it shews a disposition of love and friendship, I do not expect to write any thing that is worthy of your attention but I think nothing is of so little consequence to write to an absent friend, as I think it may help to form a phylanthrophy between us I shall write every opportunity.

O Lucretia, I long to see the time I can clasp you in my arms, and partake of all the comforts this world can afford us, I hope my dear Girl we shall always strive to pursue the paths of virtue and not seek, "for beauty" "for beauty breeds pride;" and pride will deform the most perfect beauty, and those who seek for beauty seek for nothing further than the present worldly enjoyments.

I will inform you that I attend school this winter and some times I think it's attended with a great deal of dificulty and at another time I think how happy I may be to think I can enjoy so great a blessing, so in one point I think it a pleasure and in another a task

When I set down to write to a friend I feel so anxious to write some-thing amusing and entertaining that I get entirly lost in a stude and know not what I am a doing on I must speedily conclude having filled my paper with; begging you to excuse this remains which I flatter myself you will when you s. it came from your Dear and

affectionate friend and one whom you may
ever depend upon as one so I remain yours &c.

Hitty Bond

Miss Lucretia Mason

"Live while you live the Epicure would say
And seize the pleasures of the present day"

Miss Lucretia Mason

Woodstock

Watertown Septr 24th 1798

Dear Daughter I received your letter last week by which I am happy to understand you are not wholly confined by your indisposition which I hope will prove but short. Myself & your Brothers & Sisters are all in health at this time except your Sister Fuller ~~who~~ Who was taken from this world of trouble about the beginning of this Month & we have reason to hope she has made a happy exchange of worlds & happy would it be for us all when we leave this world to have the asurance of a better. The sicneſs in Boston is said to be worse rather than better. As you are desirous of having me spend the winter with you I shall be happy to accept of the kind invitation provided I can get there & it would suit me better to come the latter end of October if as convenient for you. Concerning the Butter which you mentioned if I stay at home I shall want it myself; if not it will sell among your Friends here. If you want a bottle of rose water you can have it by sending by Mr Mason when he comes.

From your loving Mother

Lucy Bond

PS your Brothers & Sisters
all wish to be remembered
to you —

Mrs Lucy Mason

Mrs
Lucy Mason
Woodstock

Lucy
Mason

Watertown October 17th 1802.

Affectionate Friend

The agreeable acquaintance I have had with you introduces me to write to you hoping thereby to gain a correspondance with you, in writing if you will believe me I am verry desireous of. well my dear Friend I have the happiness to inform you that we are allin perfect health and enjoy our selves well. aunt Thayer is verry weak and low and I expect every day will be her last. I should be glad if you would write off lady Washingtons lamentation if it is agreeable to you and send it down when uncles comes if you please. I have nothing to [illegible]rite to y[illegible] that is worthy of your attention [illegible]ty sends [illegible]r love to you and the rest of her cousins. you must write to me as soon as you can. I have nothing more to write and must bid you adieu.

so I remain your loving Friend

Miss Lucretia Mason.

Lucy Bond.

mama sends her love to aunt and all the rest of the family. papa did not receive his letter from aunt until two months after the timeit was write. so I must conclude.

Miss Lucretia Mason.

Woodstock

Watertown May 22 1803.

Affectionate Friend

It is with the greatest pleasure I improve
these few fleeting moments in writing to
an absent friend. Grandma received her
letter from Aunt inwhich she wrote she
wanted to no how ~~Aunt~~ Thayer was in
mind before she died. I will inform you
all I know about it. she was entirely willing and
ready to dye for some months before she died and she
died in a full hope of a future happy state hereafter
she was resigned to the will of God her blessed
saviour and the only one she would depend upon
she waited patiently for the approach of
death which when it made it's appear-ance
she did it welcome. she had no desire to live
any longer in this ~~world~~ where there is nothing
but sorrow and trouble but to leave this ~~world~~
and go where ~~there~~ is rest to be had undisturbed,
for us all if we fit our selves for that place.
in this life it seemed hard ~~to~~her for to part with
her dear children and what was worse to leave
them ~~m~~motherless with a thoughtless father.
uncle Thayer has carried on very poorly since aunt
died he has had a Vandue and sold his furniture
and tried to sell house but could not get
~~so~~ much as he had sot the price before so he
still continues to keep house with a little furniture
some of which he borrowed and some he bought.

Some peoprle think that he is a courting his house keeper but I rather doubt whether he is or no her name is Ruthy Wilkerson she came frome Dedham. she seems to be a a good clever girl It but ~~she~~ she musto be blind for a young likely looking girl to be courted by him which I should rather bean old maid than be courted by him or have him either.

Lucy is at aunt Charls Brown's and Mr White has married Rachel Thayer and took Elias and Mr Jedediah Thayer has took Joseth and Mr French offered to take Gideon before aunt died but has not took him yet for uncle thinks it is Mr Frenches place to aske for Gideon so he wont aske him nor any ~~body~~ other person to take him and Zipheon he entends to keep with him self. I heard that you had lost your sister which I was very sorry to hear for I should supose a sister would be very pleasing to you all. I wrote part of this letter, of the same day you wrote yours but haveing received your letter to night which is Friday night I am now attending to finish this and was happy in hearing from you by letter [illegible] time I will inform you that I had a very gr[illegible] Excelior and hope you had as good one.

I have as much as would take me a day to relate one [illegible] to you in writing and as it is so late in the evenin I cannot write any mor but I will write the more the next time. I hope this will find you all in health as it leaves [illegible] Give my love to all the family this must do for twice [illegible] is some [illegible] no more from your Loving Friend

Miss Lucretia Mason

Lucy Bond.

in it [illegible] to me as soon as you can this is [illegible]

Miss Lucretia Mason

Woodstock ;

Watertown Sepr 1805,

My dear girl,

It is impossible for me, to paint to you, the plasure I am about to take, in expressing to you, a few of those sentiments, which great distance verbally forbids.

I will now proceed, to inform you of things that ~~were~~ transacted, and experienced, since I saw you, as they occur ~~to~~ thought.

We reached home that evening, after I left you about ten oclock; with a lengthey agreeable walk, accompanied by Mr Kelton, as far as the first cittlet this side the meeting house, when Hittis expres'd to him that she wished not to trouble him, to go any farther; at which he returned not a little chagrined at his progressions; but he has since made another attempt, has made a visit to Miss Elenor Gardner and succeeded, and still continues his addresses to her; she is in the capacity of a child nurse for Mr Pane. I suppose you recollect of speaking of our cooking for the raising, when I infomed you, that we should get rid of that, as it was to to be conducted by Mr Preble, as he had before mentioned; but the next day to which I saw you I was unhappily disappointed, in being informed that Mr Preble had pitcht upon papa to provide, rather than to procede to a tarvern, if he would engage with it; imagining that it might please him, he did on thursday following (which was the twentieth;) they raised having a great number of men, every thing was conducted well & with ease, & none hurt, we ~~had~~ thirty, to dine of Mr Prebles company, composed of Ladies & Gentlemen from Boston, & seventy men to supper which you must suppose was no small undertaking, having to cook such dainties as the employer, preferd it was at length accomplished, after no small flusteration.

The evening after raising, Hitty had a visit (for the first) paid her by Joseph Bird a son of the tavern keepers, and a blacksmith by trade; he has visited her ever since very constantly, I know not but it may be a bargain; Hitty knows nothing of my writig to you of it I therefore wish you keep it a secreet, from her while I am the only informer, of it to you, as she will be greatly offended with me, for writing of it, as it is rather simple in me, I think to write of such nonsence but since you are not unacquainted, with my uncommon freeness in common, conversation, I hope you will over look this as I have before exprest to you, that I should write what had been transacted, since you left watertown.

After you left here Moses ~~became~~ more uneasy at Mr Clarks, and possesed a greater desire to apply himself to a sea faring life, than he had expressid before, and at length by constant solicitations, to his parents and the advice of his & their friends, seeng thathe was so determined upon it, they at length consented, & purchased his time of his master, he came home August the twenty third, in good health & cheerful spirits, at once more's being released from that place & business he so much abhor'd; he expects to go his firt voyage to the East Indies, as a sailor in a vessel of Mr Preble's; after it ~~arives~~ in and has undergone a repair, which he expects will arive soon.

I shall now enter upon something more solemn, a subject which exites tears from my eyes when I admit my wandering thoughts, to rove around the world, and view the sad catastrophes which we are daily witness ing, the distressed mourner following, their dearest friends to their long home; their we may view the uncertainty of life, & certainty of death, here we view the great end of all things, and paint in our imagination, what that the distresed mourner must feel upon so great a separation, as when deprived of an affectionate parent, a dear child or a beloved

brother or sister, but we know not the pangs they feel, in
reality until, we have witness'd a similar representation,
in having to part with one of our own connexions Augst
twenty nineth, we were call'd to morn the death of our young-
est sister, Susanna T dear little creature she was taken away
in the bloom of her infancy, her sickness was short but very
distressing, the disorder which ocation'd her death was
pronounced by the physician to have been the blood
vomit, for which when once seated there is no remedy,
she was takin unwell on sonday evening for the first,
that we noticed, being very much relaxt, and restless on
monday was much the same, but played as usual,
Tuesday was more troublesome, Wednesday became
very sick; the night preceding was very sleepless &
apparently in great pain, the Doctor was sent for
early in the morning, she fail'd very fast as she
could take nothing but drink, nor had not since monday
as she kept continualy puking all that while, she
now appeard to be all fallen away in flesh, for so
short a time, very remarkably; we became at length
very much frightened, as we thought her then to be
dangerous, the Doctor came at length, about ten
oclock, and said he thought he could help her if his
medecine could have an opperation, which he rather
doubted, he came in the evening, when he said he
disliked her breathing very much, she had ceaced
puking, she seem'd to be in great distress at her
stomache & fetcht a groan with every breath,
and continued so, untill a short time before
she died, she seem'd to have her sences till the last
and spoke to mama about fifteen minutes before
she died, calling out mam three or four times suc-
cessively, when in one of her distress'd turns what
that came from her was for most part black;
she died on Thursday at five oclock P.M. in great
agony, thus are we deprived of the joy & delight of
our numerous family, sweet blossom of innocence,
she lived beloved, & died lamented, I hope her soul
to be partaking of all the happiness, that those
blissfull regions above, has offered to the righteous,
for surly she could have never sinned.

Lucy Stearns went to Boston Augst nineteenth
to learn the mantuamakers ~~trade~~, expecting
to stay three months, and give fifty dollars for
learning & board.

Moses went to Boston & staid three weeks, to studie navigation, he went the third & staid untill the 24th of Sep.

you must write to me soon & often, as I shall ever receive them as the greatest favour give my compliments to your brother Wm and tell him, I had not time to write to him now but will soon if possible.

Kitty found your ribband in her chest, after you went home.

Miss Lucretia Mason
Woodstock,
Connecticutt

Watertown Febr 1th 1806.

My dear Girl,

From the various scenes of a domestic life, I sedately return oncemore, to write to one whom I shall ever respect & value above all others of my female friends; time nor absence my dear Lu-a cannot efface from my memory the charms & innumerable virtues you possess; but O was I able to address my kind patron in a language comparable with the sound sense & understanding which fills every space in your well cultivated mind; but as my deficiency in that is hereditary I shall not attempt to palliate it but leave it, the peruser to contemplate, whether it culpable or not. I have nothing of consequence to write but will not have an opportunity pass unimproved, so long as I am capable of penning down a few uncorrected sections.

I will inform you that I have enjoyed my health very well this winter, and have had nothing wanting to complete my happiness, but the reenjoyment of our ever lost but once favourite little sister, (whom now has departed from us never to return) & the health of my friend which I believe is beyond the power of medicine to restore him to his former vivacity. He has become quite debilitated & lower, but not wholly confined to the house, he has nearly despaired of ever beholding his native place, & imagines himself at the brink of the grave; his appetite is fled from him he has no relish for any thing that can be procured but for once, and all is over. We have formed an new association with young people which we never before had the pleasure of; before there were no young company at

Please to give respects Gramma.

the other part of the town, for us to associate with, here we have found enough of both sexes to make out a good society, they are very much for visiting we have had two conseratble partys here to visit us this winter, which not a year since we were intire strangers too, altho always lived in the same town but too seperate to have any connexins with them

I shall inform you that Aunt Elijah Bond is dead she died January sixteenth she was taken sick on sunday after attending meeting and just a fortnight from that day I attended her funeral her sickness was short & very distressing, her bust broke in, to her inside.

Please to forward my particular compliments to your worthy brother, and tell him he must not fail of calling here when goes to the Eastward; & should it be too much out of his course to come this way, he must be kind enough to oblige us with a letter, informing us how he likes his new situation, after he has arrived there.

Kitty & Mr Bird very much as when I wrote to you formerly.

Moses has not yet gone but I expect he will write to you so therefore I shall not write any thing about him.

I received you letter last sunday & read it with great pleadoure, I hope you will write frequent & lenghthy.

We are all as well as common & hope you are all in good health. papa mamma send their love to your mam and respects to your Granma may health happiness peace & prosperity attend you. except my sincere love to your self and all your brothers

Miss Lucretia Mason   Lucy Bond

The years to give respects to Grandma

Miſs Lucretia Mason.

Woodsock.

Conn.

[illegible] June 18th 18[illegible]

Dear Miss,

Agreeing to your request and my own inclination I have by permition of divine providence, once more retired to my place of retirement, to addreſs you in the soothing strain, of an unalterable Friend.

My dear Girl how can I call to memory, my past trials & misfortunes without tears of affection and grief; to view the innumerable & distreſsing scenes, I have been call'd to witneſs since our last and happy interview. How happy it is that we cannot be made sensible of our approaching fate, until it by degrees at length overtakes us; for should we be brought to that extremity, of having every thing represented us in its true light, we must without doubt by being fore warned of it, become the most unhappy objects the world could contain; for had I known in the short interval of what was to befall me but one year since, apparently I would have wish'd for death rather like, but I have reason to believe that it was all for the best, for what that is pleasant in gods sight I have endeavered to make so in mine, & hope it will better enable me to serve his holy will, and teach me not to place my affections too much on things in this world, but on those that are more durable where there is no sickneſs to molest nor death to encounter, that is in heaven above. In meeting with the like that I have not long since been call'd to realize & many other troubles which are natural to this life serves to wean us by affliction from this degenerate state of existance to shew us the expansive difference between prosperity & addversity.

I want to se you very much but I dont know when I shall.

Not but one year since I was blest with the happy friendship & society of a near friend, — a kind & simpathezing brother, a dear sister and our infant pride; now I am left to deject the unhappy over turns with one sister & two small brothers I have no dear & dependant confident to open my bosom & pour out its anguish to ease my heart rent grief, My mind is at present of such a dejected cast that I find more satisfaction in talking to trees, streams, and echoes, than to reasonable creatures. as it is of no use to mourn I hope that time and the various alluring objects that daily attend a domestick life will soon wear it away for my disposition is of such a tender feeling that a very little effects it and then I am of such a reade jovial make that in turn I can soon wear it from my mind, which I hope will prove all for the best for when I am in trouble I feel unfit for either company or business.

Hitty was married march the thirtieth and lives about half a mile below here she is very well and sends her love to you.

Mr Fuller died April the second after a very long and distresing sickness, which bore with great patience, without ever uttering a groan or makeing any complaint, He was confined to his chamber but one month, he had his senses perfectly untill the last, he walk'd a crost the chamber but a few days before his death. he was perfectly resign'd and closd his eyes in death, with the same calmness as if he had been retiring to his nightly rest, he said the day before he died he long to be gone out of this world; he raisd blood two days and nights for most of the time till death put a stop to it. He spoke but ten minutes before he expired he strech'd himself, cast his eyes towards the heavens above, gave a few groans and yeilded up his breath; I hope to partake of all the real happiness he was in good hopes of; his persuation was of a universal restorration Hitty married on sunday Mr Fuller died on wednes day and was buried on the sunday following, thus I attened the wedding of a sister on one sabbath and the funeral of my friend the next, There was ~~an very~~ a very large and respectable collection of people attened the funeral & every respect that was due to his departed worth exprest on the occation.

We have have heard from the vesel that Moses sail'd in she arived at Leghorn in thirty six days after she left Boston & all were well.

I was happy to ~~hear~~ your brother was so well pleas'd with his new situation and hope he will do well which will in some measure gratify your wishes to hear of his doing well although the distance is so great you cannot se eachother as he and my Brother both have same protector there as at home we need not fear any danger arising from their various changes which it is most ~~likely~~ they will be calld to meet during their life for our heavenly parent ~~has~~ such merciful and tender compassion over our fellow mortals that he will se none of them suffer for need of his assistance.

Mrs Brown has been very sick so that her was not expected for some time she never spoke for fifteen days she was a mere sight to to behold he face was swelld to an enormus size her turn'd almost black she could not open her mouth nor take any nourishment except drinking about a teaspoonful at a time her disorder was fever and canker she has recovered very fast and rides out has been to se her mother who is just gone in a consumtion.

Mrs Whitcomb has got a fine daughter it was born on election day she calls her Hannah.

Granmam sends her love to your mama and desires me to write that she got home very well and has been very comfortable ~~and~~ spry since she came home she has recei'd three letters from uncle Elias to invite her to come down to spend the summer with him and Jonathan she thinks she shall except of the invitation as he writes he shall be up soon & can se her safe there and uncle Jonathan is coming up in the fall and she can come up with him she says your mama writes that she understand she is a going to become her neighbour but for her part she never heard any thing of it before without going two hundred miles from you make her become your neighbour.

On the twenty fourth of may William was kick'd by our horse so that for two days we did not expect his life but on the third all bad simtoms turn he reciev'd the just above his right eye it has left a large scar for twelve hours he had no sencis.

I have nothing more to write but must bid you adieu with wishing you health and happiness I hope you will excuse the diction of this letter as I wrote it in a great hurry ~~but~~ rather than not write at all I have conveyed my thought in as much of an ungrammar like stile it is most natural to me but the ideas are the same is if better composed. mama & papa send their love to your father & mama mam says she wants to you all very much but dont know when shall unless you come to her. we are all in good health at present and all the rest of your friends

When I am writing to you, I would indeed shine with every advantage; but the height of my ambition is being most sincerely yours.

Miss Lucretia Mason. Lucy Bond

~~[illegible] June 18th 1838~~

~~Dear Friend.~~

~~Agreeable to my own inclination and your request I am once more permitted to address you in the name & I hope the sincerity of a friend altho' many of the present age I believe seldom search into their own hearts to convince them selves or whether friendship is nought but a name.~~

Watertown 12th October - 1808

Amiable and ever valied friend,

How extremely happy am I to be thus favoured with the unequaled pleasure of perusing one more of your highly esteemed epistles. which for months before I have not had the pleasure to receive I am pleased to hear you and your friends enjoy good health, but my dearest girl in all the contents of your faviour not a sylable about your matrimonial affairs.

Granma has expressed great wonder that she could hear nothing from M— k, since your parents departure from here she expected then soon to hear from them by way of square Morse but as he never called we presume he did not journey this way the summer past not could we gain any information from you by any other way Granma was somewhat disappointed at not receiving no word concerning some cheese which she had previously anticipated she says she is glad your mama could not make that cloth for now it is not wanted. last Saturday old Lady Thayer left the stage of existance (greatly lamented by all her friends and acquaintance which were very numerous) in it is ascertained an appoplax fit she was taken only twelve hours before her death from usual health and was wholly insensible. Granma has been very unwell for two months past but not so but that kept about if she should remain so indisposed I do not know what she will do with her self if she persists in living alone her lameness troubles her and she has faint and sick turns frequently. she is very glad to hear from you and would be happy to see you but knows not when she shall if ever. she desires to be remembered to all friends.

Uncle Elias was from the eastward a month since an left our friends well at the district of Maine he says William grees well and is a good boy and very fond of learning cous Henry we expect is in Colledge. We heard from uncle Char by way of a letter yesterday and are informed they enjoy good health and spirits in general.

It has been an unusual marrying season here more so than I ever knew I know not the occation unless I impute it to the people in general being more at leisure on account of the embargo. Mr Bird was married to a Miss Cutter a fortnight ago. Mr Lion has come and I can write nomore but except my love to you all and be assured I should be happy to come and se you if I could so no more

Lucy Bond

Miss Lucretia Mason

Woodstock

Watertown October 19th 1808 ~~

Most worthy friend,

What a pleasing theme to me that I am so unexpectedly favoured with an answer to my unintelligable and unfinished scroll, it was an extrem disappointment and mortification to me that I was obliged to send such a rude composure to my ever valued friend, to whom I am so much indebted for many profitable and sentimental epistles, for most certainly I hope to profit by your virtuous examples and precepts. But I will write you how I came to write as I did, Mr Lyon called on me in the morning and told me he should provably return that evening; I being somewhat engaged in my domestic affairs, deferrd writing untill late in the afternoon, with hopes he would not return so soon; immediately after I introduced myself in writing for an inlargement on serious topics, Grarma solicited my compliance to write for her; I accordingly quit my first page, which you have hitherto witnessed, and began a new, not to intrude upon a subject I had but just entered upon, and fearing I should not have sufficent time to expatiate so largely upon a subject, where there is so much to be said, and to write hers after it; and lucky that I did as you saw, for the disappointment would have been more serverly felt by a person of her years, than I imagine I could possibly have exercised, altho I must acknowledge I sincerely regretted that I was forced to represent so much inattention and neglect in my letters to you; When your mama was prepareing to commence her journey homeward, I was so engaged with a multiplicity of family concerns on account of mamas absence, that I could write nothing to the purpose but entreated your mama to inform you the cause, and that I would write you the rest the first opportunity; and when that arrived you saw I faild, but I hope my paliations for not writing, will appear to you reasonable and excusable, and in this I hope to succeed to mine and your satisfaction --

I shall in the first place write something on that introduction of conjugal affairs in my last, you must not take it as an imposition that I was so inquisitive as to request an explanation of that, I confess is a presumption in me to solicit, but how can I disinterest myself so much my dear Lucretia with regard to your future intentions and prospects, as not to express an explicit desire to learn something of them?

No person has better wishes I believe than myself for your happy union with the man of your choice; I hope my friend you are not deceived when you consider him of all the world beside best calculated to afford you happiness, and contribute to your everlasting felicity; how happy is that pair whose hearts and hands combine, that possess dispositions that are suitable to match, and never afterwards have reason to repent of their choice, for how could any person be more miserable, than in deviateing from the most essential resourse to an entarnchment either into unceasking prosperity or ever lasting adversity, but this it is imposible for us to forese or, determine and it is wisely ordered for the best, we should not, for would we, we must inevitably be but wretched sojouners here. I hope the man with whom you expect to be united is perfectly agreeable to your parents, aswell as your self not that I think that a person in choosing a partner for life, ought to be restrained by their parents, but their advise is very acceptable and often neccessary; pleasing it is to see our parents commending our choice on any occation, they are frequently in many instances to strenious when they know their whole happiness is at stake in a sepparation.

I hope you will not pronounce me selfish, when I say I cannot harbour an idea that you can be wholly anothers before I se and converse with you, how can think of resigning my whole claim to your affections to another, without enjoying it for a short space of time, and becoming acquainted with the man, you intend confering that attention upon which I have hitherto wishd to engross. But I hope that what I consider as my loss will be your gain; with this I must resign you to another more worthy and faithful, for since you have arived to a good age your judgment as to a partner ought to be penertrable altho the best miss it sometimes. —

After this long debate I of course expect your are desireous of hearing something of my intentions and future prospects, then lett me entreat you not to disbelieve what I write, imputing it not provable that I would write frankly about such things, as is not common for girls to make common topics either of writing or conversation, surely my coussin I know it does not become us to do it, but why should I refuse to write or speak that to my confident Lucretia, that I would impart to any other: I am not engaged to any person whatever, now and then I spend a sociable evening with some young gentleman that pleases my tast. just for amusement, and have a written correspondance with one; but I know not how long it may subsist, for I take great pleasure in writing to my friends to both sex's; perhaps you will say you think me enclin'd to coquietterry you have an undoubted rite to your own opinion. I know not how long I shall wander in the fields of variety with fancy for my guide, but most likely till the right one comes, if, that period ever arive, but I am so notional about the married state, I am qui confidant I was never a candidate for that sphere.

It is impossible for me to describe the satisfac should take in makeing you a visit, frequently I set me how well I could entertain myself were I but with you, then in turn I survey all things and se no way whereby I can find a conveyance that would be consistant, I almost despair of ever seing you at woodstock, all the prospect that remain for me, is the hopes that Moses is on his passage home, we so expect he is, but there is no certainty, but should he retu home in health an prosperity, I will renew my promise I will make you a visit this winter, and hope to find you in your present single situation, that I may find easy access to your vertious company and conversation. Whether I come or not I thank you for your Mama's and your polite and strong invitation to come. I am pleased to hear you brother enjoys such health and happiness, and hope it will long be continued to him, whom I greatly respect. I should be very happy in makeing him a visit with you as you mention'd, I expect soon to hear that he is united to some worthy young lady for if any I hope for his sake, she will be su

Granma thanks your parents for their request but cannot except, since she thinks of taking a journey to Surry to spend some part of the winter, my father talks of going within a fortnight and she goes with him, in this cas Granma will make use of but small part of her cheese, and my father will take the rest, but as there is uncertainty in it he says he can send for no more at present. good fair meat cheese is five cents a pound by the single cheese —

I have no more to write since I fear I have intruded upon your patience already. May health happiness and prosperity be your attendance through life, is the fervent wish of your friend; be kind enough to present our familys respects to yours, and my compliments to your Mr Dean and brother, except my kindest love to yourself, Betsey wishes to be remembered to you, and will write the first opportunity. You not fail to write whenever you can.

This from your constant friend Lucy Bond

Miss Lucretia Mason
Woodstock
Conn.

[illegible] January 3th 1811,

My dear Lucretia

How happy am I in being thus favoured with intelligence from you, not only by a written communication, but with an opportunity of enquiring verbally, what perhaps you thought unbecoming to transmit in written language; and happier still am I that I can write you before you exchange your name for another; what exquisite pleasure and satisfaction would it give me could I find a conveyance to your amiable presence before you change your situation, and far superior would it be could I be a beholder at the crisis of your giving your hand to the man of your choice, a period I view the most critical in life, for then your fortune ~~fortune~~ is fixed forever in this world; the time I presume is near at hand which will decide either your happiness or unhappiness eternally. I sincerely hope that every thing will prove in the end to your advantage, and to your utmost expectations; my wishes are good and sincere for your future destination, notwithstanding I am debarred from the most fervent of desires, the incomparable pleasure of your superior company.

Three years and seven months have passed away, and I have not beheld you whose friendship I so much value and esteem, and at present I see no prospect ~~at present~~ but that an equal space of time expire before I shall meet with the high gratification of being with you. I have fondly anticipated the pleasure of making you a visit, accompanied by my brother, but his long unexpected absence has wrought despair in my mind; a year since, I thought the prospect bright that he would return soon and shortly we should be with you, but the revolutions of time have been such that his return is altogether uncertain and unexpected, my thoughts daily are upon him, and my anxiety very great for his welfare, could I but know where he is, I should be more contented, but the opportunities of hearing from him are now seldom, a year has revolved and no letter have we received from him. Your father has given me a pressing invitation to ride up with him, and I think I should except had I have had time to prepare for the journey, and known any way to get back, but never mind I have come at a more convenient time, our family is unusually small and nothing attracts me here [illegible] but Mr. [illegible] could easily be dispensed with. [illegible] Lane and I have [illegible] considerably [illegible] riding up with Mr Lyon in the fall but he did not come down, and she has gone to Boston to spend the winter. Our employment this winter is vastly contrasted with yours; my time is spent in domestic affairs, and visiting my friends, principally in evening parties. Two of the misses Lorings from Boston have made us a visit of a week this winter, and very agreeable time we had, they left express word with me for you to come and see them when you came here, which I then fathered [illegible] would be this winter, I think them very [illegible] girls we correspond [illegible] by letters.

Betsey is not at home she went to Mr [illegible] to spend a few days on Thursday the same day your father arrived here, therefore she has missed writing to you, which I dare say she would like to have done, I will remind her of your request, and she will write the first opportunity, she has got to be a great girl, nearly as heavy as myself and quite as tall. I am happy to hear from your brother and [illegible] have had the pleasure of seeing him before this [illegible] remember my best respects to him [illegible] see [illegible] please. I have not seen she that was Lucy Stearns, Mrs Davis now these three months, but [illegible] she expects an addition to her family soon. I have nothing [illegible] that is worth [illegible]; and [illegible] in [illegible], among our friends in particular. [illegible] I must conclude with wishing [illegible] the [illegible] your proceedings [illegible] you can expect in this [illegible] varying [illegible] where there is a mixture of [illegible] as well [illegible] which [illegible] write me when [illegible] situated [illegible] are [illegible] situation, [illegible] I remain your [illegible] affectionate friend,

Lucy [illegible]

P.S. I [illegible] no particular news [illegible] I have [illegible] the [illegible] fashion I have seen [illegible]

and if it be plain muslin have pleated fine
from top to bottom and a ruffle and if it
be the same of lace let it lay carelessly and
I think they look very dressy and neat

Miss Lucretia Mason

Woodstock

Watertown January 15th 1809

Lucretia. With sensations of unequalled pleasure, I again retire to pen a few hasty lines for the disposal of a few leisure moments, the perusal of which I fear will hardly repay you for the trouble of breaking the seal, but having requested Mr Stone to favor me with the intelligence of the appointed time of his departure and he being so good as to call upon me this evening ~~to~~ inform me he intends setting out tomorrow and even waits for me to write a few sentences to you, I cannot refuse so fine and rare an opportunity— I write not that I have any thing essential to communicate, but believing and fearing it to be the last I shall ever address to Miss ~~Lu~~ [illegible], I with eagerness apply my pen while my fingers and ideas are alike quite frozen too much so to collect any thing pleasing or diverting, however my dear, I expect soon to hear that you have left your fathers hospitable mansion, I doubt not but that you will feel some disagreeable sensations, arise at the quitting of your dear parents, who have brought you up with tenderness, and I believe have ever had no small share of parental love for you, no more than your worthiness and endearing qualities have ever deserved, I hope you will keep up good spirits, and not let any [illegible] reflections arise to damp your joys, but may you realize all the happiness you can flatter yourself are to be found in this world, So adieu my dear Lucretia, never again shall I write to you in your present situation. I know not however but that you have changed it before this, but in all probability you have not. but my dear girl I hope you will not entirely forget your friend L—y by the interceptions of other friends more near and dear to you than any you have ever heretofore found, but think of me now and then as an intermission from things more worthy of your attention; write me if you find time and opportunity what your family is composed of, and how it seems to be removed from a dear indulgent father and mother, certainly there must be a great contrast between your circumstances now and then. — — We hear nothing from granma but expect she will be home soon now we have sleighing. — — I hope I shall come in progress of time to see you, and your new husband together if my brother has his life spared him. —

We all enjoy good health with exceptions, my father being most sick with me, they are prevailing here, perhaps they have extended so far as Woodstock. I can write no more but conclude after wishing health and happiness through life & accept my best love for you all—

Lucy Bond

Miss Lucretia Mason

Woodstock

Conn

My dear friend,

Since ~~the~~ want of time and opportunities has been the occasion of my withholding a correspondance with you I hope in future to make such improvement as to fulfill former engagement which was to write often and lengthy. I should have written when my last letters were conveyed but was deprived the pleasure by being absent at Framingham on a visit of a month

But my dearest L.. you have not an idea what disagreeable sensations this long silence on my part has occasioned in consequence of my deficiency in not getting a letter ~~to~~ your hand which notwithstanding your repeated solicitations to embrace those favourable opportunities which you so beneficially improved but to me were unfavourable for believe me my friend ~~that~~ after having written you a lengthy letter to be favoured by Mr Morse I had it conveyed to granma's by the time directed – but what was my surprise & disappointment when the bearer returned with ~~the~~ sad tidings ~~that~~ it was too late for Mr M.. had past my granma's about six hours previous to the ~~time~~ but I kept the letter hoping ~~that~~ I might ~~send~~ send it some time when I could not write another. Then afterwards I wrote another and sealed it in a small compass, & directed it to your father to send it by the post but mama hearing Capt M.. was down sent them both.

I have nothing as news to write you that worth your attention but will inform you ~~that~~ she ~~that~~ was formerly Ann Bird but now Mrs Coburn was on the eleventh of this month delivered of a fine daughter & she called Eliza Ann. Hetty calls hers Martha Bond.

We have again been called to the house of mourning to witness ~~the~~ the frailty of man and the uncertainty of life & certainty of death by the death of two of our neighbours neither of them was sick but one fortnight the first was one of Betsey's companions a girl of thirteen years of age she died about three weeks since of the dropsy in the head. The other I attended the funeral of last sunday a young woman about twenty seven she has left a husband & two small children to be mourn the loss of an industrious wife and kind mother. She died of the billious putrid fever.

Uncle Elias has got his third son we hear since granma came home. We do not expect to return to our own house this fall, papa has lett our lower room in our house to Lucretia B. Peleg Breik let it for a year so granma will not be alone. Miss Bennimer Brown has been very sick with the disentary but is now in a recovery. Granma is here on a visit & seems to enjoy her health and looks better than I have seen her this some time she sends her love to you all. We have now but a very small family consisting only of one nine which is very fatiguing. Oh L. I long to see you but when I shall I know not; we have been expecting to see your father & mother for this week but have not seen them yet. Hetty is still very lame & not likely to get well very soon, she sends her love to you all & wishes you to write to her.

The rest of your friends are in usual health by the permission of heaven may you all enjoy the same inestimable blessing.

I have not time to write any more but conclude after sending my love to you all & wishing you would write to me by the bearer Mr. William Stone. & you will excuse the poor writing & accept of it as the result of a leisure moment.

When you write to William be kind enough to remember me to him tell him to recollect his promise and write soon. So no more at present. This from your ever faithfull and unfeigned Friend

Lucy Bond

Miss Lucretia Mason.

Wartertown, Dec 29th,1805.

Absent Friend. I now employ my pen to write you a few unconnected ideas, to inform you that we are all well at this pressent time, and I hope you enjoy the same bleſsing.

Pleas to give my love to your papar, and your mamar, give my love to your brothers, tell them they must wright if they have an oppertunity, you must write as often as your time will allow of. I neglected the oppertunity of writeing when your papar came down I should have embraced the oppertunity but it was for the want of time only but I was verry ſorry indeed.

Pleas to give my respects to all iquireing friends, I cannot stay to write any more I must close my letter. —

I remain your afectionate friend.

Betsey Bond

Miss Lucretia Mason.

Miſs Lucretia Maſon

Woodſtock.

Waltham December 31st 1804.

Dear Friend,

This evening I am happy in having an opportunity to again express my satisfaction in the enjoyment of such an amiable correspondence, in informing you of my own health and happiness hoping that at the same my much beloved, though distant friends are enjoying the same; a friend in reality will always take part in a friends happiness or misfortunes, we have but a short time to stay on this earth our moments are fleeting and uncertain; tis necessary that we should make the best improvment of our time.

In the letter you wrote to my sister, you said you was in hopes that you should again visit Watertown soon it would be a source of great happineſs to me to have the pleasure of enjoying your company again nearly three years have paſsed away since I have seen you and I know not but three times as many more will revolve over our heads before I shall see you again unleſs you come here for it is a matter of the greatest uncertainty whether or no I shall ever visit Woodstock. I once flattered my self that I should come up there when I am free but I have several other places to which I should like to go. some of which I fear I shall never reach; The principal reason to which I attribute it is that when I come to be for myself that I shall be to much engaged in the affairs of the world and store of procuring for myself a living; But I hope you will have no so great reasons why you shall not visit us oftener than ~~I~~ you have of late.

That you be happy in yourself and an amiable companion is my wish because it is a happiness in which I myself should take part.

Yours M. Bond.

Miss Lucretia Mason. Moses?

P.S. Give my respects to your father and Mother and brothers.

Miſs.
Lucretia Mason.
Woodstock.
(Connect.)

Newyork November 20th 1831

Dear Sister I received a letter from you some time since but neglecting to write in consequence of the affliction of my wife She had been sick since one year last July in a State of Delerium was in hopes that she would get better so as to come to Connecticut this fall, But Providence Ordered it otherwise, She Died last Fryday 1/2 past Eight A.M, but come to her senses before She Died, we had a lengthy Conversation about her Situation, She new She must Die Soon and even when She Died She Closed her own Eyes and went to Sleep her long Sleep, I put her into a Tomb on purpose that I may look at her once in a while and if her Father has a mind to have her Carried to Vermont it can be Done - her Case was a Deseased Liver, 3 times the bigness of natural adhered to the ribs, She was examined after Death, I am left alone amongst Strangers in a Strange land

I had to Dismiss business to take care
of her. no person could do it except my
-self, one year and one half, my expenses
amounted to 12 hundred Dollars cash
paid. Loss of Business 3/4 of the time
I took her into the Country Different times
and different places. Shortly say a few
weeks before She Died she came to her
Senses, could recollect nothing, what
took place for one year past, - her wish
was to see her friends but Died in
the greatest happiness of mind a firm belie
of a future state and the immortality of
the Sole. her Ideas of a future Sta
which She related when She come
Senses, gave a Description of that Kingdom
of being with her Saviour and look down
on the world of mankind She painted out
the beauties of that happy place —
I understood by Mr Leavens. that
Lenard was in New york - last Spring
I conclude I was in the Country with
my Wife at the time, My health now
was better altho I have not had any regular
Sasine few Months for the above time
I write with agitation of mind please
write me soon - Charles Dean
371½ Grand Street.

Mrs Plank, I, this Evening in a lonsome Chamber sit down to give you the Malancolly intelagance of the Death of you Sister Selena She has been a woman of Affliction for 1½ year and Died with the great assurance of Eternal happiness, Died without a Struggle bid far well, put her hand to her Eyes and Closed them and went to Sleap her long Sleap Ceased Breathing in 1/2 minute in the above Mentioned She had the advice of Say 40. of the M[illegible]l Faculty at Desided that [illegible] cause was Misterious but had no hopes of her. her body was examined after Death. found as Mentioned above When I get Reconsiled I shall write again — My health is good

From Your Affectionately

Charles Dean
37½ Grand St

Mr Joseph Plank
or Miss Lucy Dean
North Killingly
Connecticut

New York March 5th 1832

Dear Friends

I embrace the present opportunity after so long negligence of answering your letter, ~~that~~ I am now in pretty good health.— Soon after Mrs Dean Died I was taken sick and Life despaired of and continued sick thro the winter But thank God am like to get well again. I shall recommence business in this City but am in hopes to come to Killingly this Spring to see my friends once more I received a letter from Ezra about the time I received yours. My Respects to all enquiring Friends — I shall write again soon

From yours Respectfully

Charles Dean

12½

Miss Lucy Dean

Killingly

North P. O.

Connecticut

27 Federal St. Boston

Sept 22d 1858 -

Dear Madam -

Your letter of 23d of last month to Dr Deane (my father) was received by me yesterday - it having been sent to a Post-office we rarely visit - My father after an illness which confined him to his bed about one week, died on the 8th of last month, aged 80 years looking just

four months - He had
been more or less unwell,
seriously so, for the past
year, & evidently failing -
yet I did not think him
so near his end; & indeed
during the last week did
not realize *till the last
day* that he would not -
~~[illegible]~~ get about again.
I had his remains depos-
ited in the family burial
ground in Maine -
I suppose it was neg-
ligent in me not to
have advised our

Connecticut friends, to whom he was so much attached, of his departure, as the records in the news-paper do not meet the eyes of all -

Present my kind regards to Mr Leonard & Mr Ezra Deane & believe me yrs respectfully

Charles Deane

Evidently Leonard M Dean wrote to Charles Deane signing the letter "L M Dean" and Charles Deane probably thought the writer was Lucretia M. Dean.

Biddeford Septh 22 1834

Dear Sister

Ezra & Lucretia are with us, Ezra will start to day for home, he goes by the way of New Bedford Lucretia will stop a while with us. Our healths are usually good, I have not been very well for a year or two past, but think it is now better than it has been for some time — As to the pills, I sent them for you to dispose of as you thought propper, for you to sell what you can, and when any of oure connections want any to let them have them, and when you get out I will send some more, and whatever you sell, apply to your & Cyrels benefit, he may dig and send me what root he can I think you aught to consider Mr Cupp as he has had so many, perhaps ten cents on a box —

If Cyril can send the root to Providence to Amasa Masons store I can get it, if it can be there next week, there will be a vessel there ready to take it. I heard from Charles transiently this summer, I understood he was well — I hope you have got your house to be comfortable, I think you aught not to value a ~~fiew~~ few dollars for the sake of having a comfortable house, you have money, and must leave it by & by, and nobody will thank you for it, and you had better take the comfort of it as you go along Probable I may be up to see you next summer, give my regards to all — Mr Atkins & Col. Terry in particular —

Your affectionate Brother Ezra Dean

Miss Lucy Dunn
Killingly
Con.

Biddeford Oct 29th 1820

Dear Sister

By a letter from Sister Lucretia I learn the melancolly news of the death of our Brother Cyrell, And, it seems, by such events of Providence, we are called upon to be also ready for our departure, which cannot be long, as we are approaching rapidly to old age, which carryes us all along to our final exit, from this world of trouble and grief and sin; and as I firmly believe to another of everlasting happiness, and purity. What a joyfull view, it is to believe that we shall all meet our friends again in such a world, where there shall be no more pain nor sickness nor death, where all tears shall be wiped from all faces and no more sorrowings nor tears, and all shall be blessed with the presence of their Saviour, if you can realise these things you must be happy under all your troubles and afflictions—

I have no doubt that Cyrel was made comfortable during his sickness. If I had heard of his being sick I think that I should tried to come up and seen him. I have contemplated coming up for a good while, but one thing and another has hapned that I could not make it convenient. I think I shall come up before a great while but I cant say that I can this winter, as I cannot stand the cold weather very well to travel, if I do not this winter I will in the spring and probably bring my wife

I hope you wont think of living alone, as you have enough to make you comfortable, and so many friends who would like to have you live with them, I hope Esqr Warren and those you have had to deal with have not deceived you, and you have enough to make you comfortable

None of my children are at home now, Ann is in Boston, and thought she might come and see you before she came home, but I think it may be uncertain, Charles is settled in Boston, a partner in one of the first firms in Boston, and will probably be married to the daughter of Mr Waterston, one of the firm, soon, Sarah is married to a Mr Williams formerly of Taunton, a minister, now at Bridgwater

I and my wife, ~~lately~~ travelled east lately, and called on Zadock Dean, perhaps you may remember him, he is a Brother to Josiah Dean of Killingly they were all well, he has two sons liberally educated, one a doctor and one a lawyer. Mr Dean said he recollected you very well

I hope you will write me, and tell me a about your situation and what you mean do, I think you ought to make yourself comfortable and try to live in some measure respectably, as I hope you have enough to do it with,

My health is very good, but cannot bear any exposure, but if I am careful I get along very well, and so it is with my wife -

I saw in the papers some time since the death of Mr Atkins, what a fine man he has been, and how much good he has done

Give my love to all our friends and all your neighbours that enquire for us -

Your affectionate Brother

Ezra Dean

18¾

Miss Lucy Dean
North Killingly
Con.

Biddeford Dec 4th 1841

Dear Sister

I thought you would like to hear from us, and how we got on in our journey, and would like to hear from our connections that we visited. after leaving you, we went that, day to Attleborough, and went directly to uncle Dean's old place, but found all the cousins dead, Ephraim had been dead about two years, Sally had been dead. I think longer, we found Asa's second wife, and put up with her, she seemed to be the smartest of the whole bunch, we staid with them one night, and was rather glad to get away, they seem not to be in a very prosperous state, amongst them — we then went to Mr Fabliers, and saw Hannah, who was well; but so altered that I should not have known her, not having seen her for over 40 years, I then saw her Sister Mary, who had been crasy for over 40 years, she wanders about the fields, bare headed, and her hair is as white almost as snow, she has not asked a question, nor answered one for over 40 years, from there we went to Taunton to Mr Williams, whose son maried my doughter Sarah, they live the first house toward the green from where Saml Paddleford used to live, with Mr Williams I visited an old Mrs Dean at the old tavern house, who remembered our family very well, we then went to a widow Dean's who was a grand child of Uncle Philip, where I found a list of all the Deans, from Walter Dean, who came to Taunton from

England in 1636. Walter Dean had three sons- Joseph, Ezra, & Benjamin — Ezra had 4 sons- Dr Ezra, Samuel, Seth, & Ephraim — Ephraim was our Grand father, and you know all about the decendents. — I was much pleased with finding a genealogy of the Deans, for I have been a long time wishing to obtain one, so that I could trace our name down to the present time

after leaving Taunton we went to Bridgwater, where our Daughter lives, found her very well, staid there three days then went to Boston and staid with our Son ten days, He is very happily setled, got a nice wife and a nice house and doing good business, so that he seems to be very happily setled — From Boston we came home, after being gone just 5 weeks, we had a very pleasant time during our whole journey, every body seemed glad to see us, and all treated us as well as a could, and we enjoyed the journey much, Leonard Dean come to Boston while we were there, and was at my son's they we all very glad to see him -

I hope you have got on comfortably since we left you, I told Leonard that they must call over and see you,

My wife, I think, is better, than she was when we started on our journey, but has not yet got rid of her cough, but I am in hopes she will by & by my health is very good, much better than it was 5 or 6 years ago, after quiting geting up by nights, which hurt me very much, and hope by temperance & care yet to to live many years, God willing, but after all there seems to be but little real happiness here below; and if our hearts are only right towards God, we shall wait with patients, his calling of us to himself.

I hope you are geting on pleasantly, in the family where you are, I hope and believe they will do all in their power to make you happy, that being the case, I see nothing to render you unhappy, your mind now can be turned to your God, whose tender mercies are over all his works, who will order all things for the good of all, and brings the greatest good out of the greatest seeming evil, therefore let us praise him with all the powers he has given us. - - —— - - Remember us kindly to Mr Reynolds family, Mrs R in particular & the little boy, I hope he will make a good man, he seems be a bright boy. and likewise to all your good neighbours, Col. Torry. Scott- Grosvenor, Esq Torry, Mrs Capp & all who may enquire after us- Mrs Selin sends regards to all our friends, to you and the family particularly

From your affectionate Brother

Ezra Selin

18¾

Miss Lucy Bacon
North Killingly
Con.

Cambridgeport Oct 15th 1846

Dear friends, I have sent by rail way a box containing some things for you, among the rest, a book for Mr Baldwin to read, I wish it to be used very carefully, as it is borrowed, I hope sister Lucy is well, I have ordered the weekly Courier to be sent her for one year

We want Mr Raynolds to dig us the Gorget Root we talked of, and sent it green just as he digs it, say one barrel, well packed in, the dirt cleared off, the barrel heads well nailed in. directed to Revd G A Williams Wayland. care of Maynard and Noyes Merchants Row Boston. Mr Williams would like to have you write him a line at Wayland when you send the root. It must be sent before the weather is cold enough to freeze the root, for that would spoil it.

Mrs Greene is now quite sick, but I hope she will be better soon, Mr Greene has gone to sea and will be absent two or three years. My son Charles has a son three weeks old, a fine great boy, being the first they are very proud of him.

Give my regards to Mr Baldwin and his wife, and receive my kindest regards yourselves.

Affectionately Ezra Dean

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Miss Lucy Dean

North Killingly

Con

Cambride Port Feby 20th 1848

Dear Sister,

I should have written you long since, if it had not been, that I have been all along calculating to come up to see you, but having been rather engaged, and at times rather unwell, and having otherways to go, time has paſsed on, and that rapidly untill now. I shall endeavour to come up this spring, perhaps in may, I hear from you occasionally thro the boys at woodstock, and was very glad to hear that your health was good. Sometime since your Mr Baldwin called on us, but I hapned to be out and did not see him. After my return from Killingly, when up last, I sent up a box, but never heard from Mr Reynolds whether he got it; in that box was a book, giving an account of the North-men, for Mr Baldwin to read. I hope the book is safe, for it is a very scarce book, and belongs to my son Charles, and was inquiring about it the other day, if you have it, keep it safe till I came up.

Mr Greene, Luica Anns husband, being a purser ~~[illegible]~~ in the navy, is off on the California cost, has been gone a year & half, and will be gone as much longer probably. Sarah lives now in Cambridge Port, and has two children, a ~~little~~ boy and girl. Charles has three children, two girls and a boy, all healthy and bright. Luica Ann has none of her own, but Mr Greene has three by a first wife. I and Mr Williams are building a house of two tenements this past summer in Cambridge Port, which will cost, together with the land, about fifteen thousand dollars, I expect Charles will move out here and take ~~it~~ my part when it is done, It will be a very fine house when done. I sent you a paper, The Courier, and ordered it for one year, whether it is still sent or not I dont know, (I will call and see, and still have it sent. What do you think of the Mexican war? I think it an abomination. and a curse will follow the party that draged us into it. I learned thro Ezra that Mr Reynolds had some root for us. he may keep it till I come up as we do not want it at present. Remember me to all our friends who may enquire after us. Before I come up, I hope that little back-house will be up.

My best regards to all the household.

Affectionately your Brother
Ezra Dean

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Cambridge Port May 20 1848

Dear Sister,

I write to let you know that we are all very well, and that I shall, if nothing happens, come and see you in the course of June Charles has another son, which makes to daughters and two sons, so that the name is not likely to run out at present.

Tell Mr Reynalds that we want he should send the root which he has on hand as soon as he can, for it is wanted immediatly, by the cars, and direct to "Geo. A Williams Cambridge Port" care of Maynard & Noyes, Merchants Row Boston" written on the outside on a piece of pasteboard tacked on strong. Being in rather a hurry and not having much, that is material to write, I shall close by hoping you are very well. give my love to all Mr Reynalds family.

Your affectionate Brother

Ezra Dean

Miſs Lucy Dean

North Killingly

Con.

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Cambridgeport July 22 1849

Dear Sister

I arived home the day I left Killingly, and found all our friends well, but my cold hang on untill a few days since, but am now very well, I have sent you the ear trumpet which I promised, which I think will be a great service to you, if it should not answer I can exchange it for another, if you can have a chance to return it soon, but I think it will answer as well as any, it cost $1.50. I think very cheap. you must put the tube to your ear, or in your ear and hold it up, and let those talking to you speak right into the hole, and I think you can hear from it very well. I hope you are geting better, for I think you will, and yet enjoy prity good health for one of your age, but try and get along without taking much physic,

Charles says he should like to see you and talk about the Deans, he is geting up a history of the Deans, and going back as far as the name can be found in old England, and will have it published, which will make quite a book, when I come up again if the book is published, I will bring it up. He finds in England Some Noblemen and som Bishops and some Generals and Some Admirals, so I think we shall be able to make out a prity good name.

Leonard will attend to your affairs, and you must let him do as he wants to, as I have no dout he will do every thing right. I think you ought to be willing to have every thing done to make you comfortable and those that take care of you you must have a back house built and have your house repaired to make it warm before cold weather. and whatever else Leonard thinks neceſsary

I am very glad you have somebody to take good care of you, and Mrs Reynolds must be satisfied for her ~~trou~~ trouble and you must let Leonard say what he thinks she ought to have, we all want you to have every thing that is necessary to make you comfortable, if you spend all your money while you live to do it. I dont think I can find a place that will suit William Henry, businiss is now dull and nobody seems to want, to give a boy his board and clothing

Regards to Mr and Mrs Reynalds, and remember me to all the neighbours, Doct Grosvenor in particular, and Mrs Capps

Your loving brother Ezra Dean

from brother Ezra Dean

Miss Lucy Dean
Killingly
Con

from Ezra Dean to sister ?

East Woodstock June 24. 1856

Dear Sister

(Yours of the 26th of May came to hand in due time & I have been thinking of writing ~~to~~ you for several days but have hardly been able to do so at least for some 8 or 10 days) having been sick for the last four weeks with a slow fever & diarrhea. I have been able to sit up & walk about most of the time - I am improving a little but am flat as dishwater, no strength and very little appetite except what is made by stimulants. I am getting about as thin a little Legg (you remember him of course). I believe I wrote you that my health was not as good as last winter, but I did not mind much about, it except to do a little something for my throat &c, About four weeks since I had an attack of Cholera Morbus & have been lying abed & moping about ever since

Cornelia Mason is in very poor health this summer. We sometimes fear almost that she will go into Consumption though she is much better now than she was four weeks ago. She & I ride about some - on short drives She is very poor in flesh & I am ditto I have lost 25 lbs since last winter

June 26th I am feeling rather better to day have been riding out this morning. but do not get much strength yet as I have to live pretty much on boiled rice & such kind of stuff with a little Brandy, Morphene &c &c I do not expect to get very strong untill I can bear some more substantial food

The rest of the family are in usual health at this time. Abby is here now assisting Pamelia about her work - She has been at Augustine's some two months her health is not very good, is troubled with those Scrofula bunches on her neck Mother Hobbs is at Sturbridge now & will be for a few weeks I am contemplating taking trip to the Sea Shore before long hoping that Sea bathing & change of air may recruit me up a little — Dr Gitter has got pretty well

Mrs Hannah Allen is dead. She died a few days after I wrote you before

Politics are beginning to run pretty high. Fremont Stock is rising The Kansas Murders ~~& the~~ the rascality of the Pierce administration & the "cowardly and murderous" assault on Senator Sumner has set New England all in a blaze & a great many, yes thousands who never had any Anti Slavery simpathy are now ready to go any length with Sumner & others of the same stamp that they used to condemn him in very severe terms Notwithstanding all this there are a great dough faces left yet & some Clergymen among them who say that Brooks served Sumner just right The Lord deliver us from the preaching of such black hearted hypocrites. I would as soon hear old Cloven foot himself. But oh the time is coming when such men will have a fearfull account to render & they will want some poor slave whose cause they have refused to plead to bring them a drop of water to cool their parched tongue. I bless God that my voice & vote has for so long a time been for Freedom to all

Such a State of things will not continue long & will never be any advantage to the South, they only make the friends of Freedom more determined. Such awful illustrations of the natural fruits of Slavery must lead all Good men to be more than ever determined in the important struggle now going on & I am still in the faith that Kansas will in the end be a free State. Dough faces politicians & Ministers to the contrary notwithstanding. I am getting rather tired & must close weak as I am I try to keep posted in these matters

East Woodstock Oct. 31. 1867

My Dear Niece

I thought you might be pleased to hear from us. as it is a long time since we have written you, though I suppose you have heard from me by way of Leonard. My health is improving. am able to walk about & ride out every fair day. went to meeting last sabbath afternoon for the first time since the first sabbath in May.

Have had a hard summer of it. being confined to my bed fourteen weeks. and some of the time there did not seem but little prospect of recovery.

I had four Physicians & no two of them were agreed about what my disease was. Dr. John Witter called it Neuralgia of the Liver & under his treatment I am picking up. I have not had one of those distressing turns for about eleven weeks & I had not been over thirty days without one before, since last Dec. They were growing more severe & every one left me lower & of course if they were to continue there could be no mistaking the result. Dr J. Witter said he thought he had now just such a case & Dr Knight the President of the Medical College at New Haven called it Neuralgia of the Liver & that person got well under the same treatment I am gaining. I am very much emaciated. weighing three weeks ago 155 lbs— last winter I weighed 207 lbs —

Pamelia Dean is very well now. She was quite sick for a week or so in August with Dysentery. We were both confined to the bed at the same time. And it was a sorry week for me I assure you.

Pamelia Mason has been very feeble all the past season, and is so still though I think a little more vigorous as the weather grows cool. She is now at Fitchburg on a visit with Jane .

I was very sorry you felt constrained to give up your course of study at South Hadley, still I was not surprised that you did so, for I think your Father & Anna would have been lonely indeed without you. I regret your decision on my own account because now I cannot look forward to your Spring & Thanksgiving visits, which were so *pleasant* to all of us heretofore & would be *peculiarly* *so* now. But perhaps you will come another year.

I have thought very much of your loneliness & affliction, the summer past, as I lay on my bed, & felt some of the time that I should very soon follow your dear departed Mother & wished I could feel that I was as well prepared to go. But God has spared me thus far & I suppose has work for me yet to do. Give my love to Anna & your Father. I should be glad to hear from both of them. Also please remember us all to Dr Collins, we had a nice visit from him last Spring & hope he may repeat it.

Let us hear from you as often as you can. Your Affectionately Ezra Dean.

Nephew? Cambridgeport June 19th 1850

Dear Cousin.

Your favour of 15 inst, was duly recd and noted, (if I could read it right) I had thoughts of visiting Con. this spring, but was at Biddeford April & May, and last week I went over to Taunton, and spent the week, but think I may come up after the hot weather is over.

It seems Prof Websters petition for a new trial, is not granted, I see nothing but he must swing. It comes out now, that he has been a drunken miserable character for a long time, and why they kept him in that office so long, is astonishing to me, I think that Cambridge wants purging.

As it respects Mrs Reynolds, if I can read your letter right. that the place goes to her, I think that ought to satisfy her for her extra services, altho I have no dout she was faithful in her attentions. she ought to recollect that others ~~others~~ were put to trouble and expense on Lucys account, besides her self. I have no idea how Lucy left her property, therefore I am unable to judge. As to any improvements made on the place, they have and will have all the benefit of, therefore I should think, nothing ought to be allowed them. I think you will have to look sharp, for I have no dout, the creditors what there are, will make a scrobble for the property.

Independant of all other circumstances, if Mrs Reynolds recd one dollar per week extra, while she was sick, say from February would be fair. Mrs Reynolds ought to consider that it made a home for her, which is not always easily obtained.

As to Doctr Pickhams bill, I think it very high, I think if he gets one hundred dollars, he is doing well, considering very little medicine was used, and, most of the time, his calls were made at his leisure. I should, if I was you, if he insisted upon the full sum, call for his original entries, and see what they say, as he kept them from day to day. I should like to know how Lucy disposed of her property before I could give a decided opinion in the case of Mrs Reynolds for if Lucy has left the place to Mrs Reynolds, she undoubtedly took Mrs R services into the account in her own mind, and that was one of the motives for giving it to her.

Our people are all off to Brattleborough, at the water establishment, part for health & part for pleasure. Mrs Greene has been there since the first of May. Her health being rather poor this spring she thought she would try that, we hear that she is better.

My health has been very good, for me, this year past, I have now something of my old hot weather catarrh, otherwise very well. Ezra sent me a paper which gave me some insight into the state of politics in Con. I see, besides Ezra, another Dean there, and from Windham Co. Who is he, and what town does he represents

In my trip to Taunton I found the graves of my Grand Father Dean and Grand Mother. G. Father died in 1775 aged 75 Mary, his wife, & my grandmother, died 1766 aged 67— G. fathers name was Ephraim. By the way, there is a William R Deane in Boston, who wrote me a line the other day requesting the names of the decendents of Ephraim Dean, Males & Females, those who died early and those who came to maturity, where they lived & died, occupation &c &c and their ages. Now if you can help me, I would thank you. When I came up I think I will take a ride all round and see them. You must recollect ~~there were~~, I suppose you have heard, there were 6 sons & 2 daughters, viz. Ephraim, Joel, Simeon, Zephaniah, Phillip & Ezra— Sons— daughters, Molly & Jemima, Molly married Uncle David Allen, Jemima Ephraim Briggs

Jemima left one son & 2 daughters, one married David Allen Junr, the other a carpenter, her name, I think was Pratley and left a number of decendants, and rather think your neighbours are some of them The son whose name was Ephraim moved to Barnard Vermont, I have been at his house Being in too much haste to fill up the sheet, I will close by hoping to see some of you this summer, and giving my love to all.

Affectionately Geo Dean

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Leonard M Dean Esqr

North Woodstock

Con;

Biddeford Octr 25th 1840

Dear Sister

Your favour was duly recd communicating the sad tidings, of the death of our Brother Cyril, it was not however altogather unexpected, as your daughter named in one of her letters, that he was unwell, and it was thought he was in a decline, I should have been up this summer if I had not been so engaged, we are building a large bridge over saco river, and the town has confided the superintendence of it in part to me, which makes it, inconvenient for me to leave home, excepting on business of my own I hope, and have no doubt, that Cyril was made comfortable during his sickness, - He has now gone to a God, who is kind and mercifull to all His children, whose providence is always over them, for he is the same, yesterday, to day, and for ever, without variableness or shadow of turning, and how thankfull ought we to be, who ~~can~~ so understand and realise, the blessed gospell, the good news, from God to man, that he is their Father in Heaven, ~~thus~~ they His adopted children, if children, then Heirs — O the glorious thought to be the children of God and joint heirs with Christ. O that all could realise this truth, have this Faith. This faith would work by love and purify the heart, and overcome the world, leade us to him, cause us to put our trust in him, This will support us in all trying circumstances, in all bereavements of near and dear friends, in our own sickness and death, and what else will? can we depend upon ourselves? have not all gone out of the way? is there any good? no, none

If there is any family that needs the conso
lation of the true religion of Jesus, I think it
is our family, for they have been wonderfully
dealt with, in all its branches, afflictions and death
have surrounded them from the first to the last.
But shall we receive good at the hand of God,
and not evil, that is, shall we acknowledge
that good comes from God, and the evil from
some other source? But leaving things behind
let us press forward to the mark of the prize of
the high calling of God in Christ Jesus—.
I think it probable that I may be up
to Cant. in the course of the winter, but it
is uncertain, whither I shall before spring, I dont
like to travel in cold weather, my constitution
is slender and I am obliged to take good care
of myself, I should have been dead long ago, if
I had not, I hope Lucy will so order matters
as to make herself happy, as she has enough to
do with, I hope she will not think of living
alone, it would be very unsafe, and I
should think could not be so happy - I
think, if I should come up I could advise
her, and induce her to adopt some way that
would be much for her happiness, — I shall
write Lucy soon. I hope you will see that
she is made comfortable, I mean, that she
makes herself comfortable, for I suppose she
has enough, if she will make use of it.
Ann is on a visit to Boston and her sister
at Bridgwater and has been gone two months
or more, and we are all alone, as to children
and shall be untill december.
I want to come and see you very much,
but for people of our age, home seems to be the

best place for them, If I delay untill spring and we are well, I think I shall bring Mrs Dean with me, as she wants to go to Boston to see her son Charles

In speaking of losses of friends, what a glorious view it is, when we can look forward with the eye of faith to the time when we shall all again meet in that blessed world, where there will be no more sorrow, and all tears wiped from all eyes, and happiness attend us for ever more. I really feel sometimes, when I contemplate these things, as tho I wanted to take my departure to see my dear children that have gone before me

I hope your children are all doing well, that is, all behaving well, for when we behave well, we are doing well; I shall certainly come and see them before long, and should be very glad to see any of them here, why cant some of them come down? however I suppose you feel the pressure of the times as well as others, but thank God the reign of locofocoism is most over, and we shall find relief by and bye

Give my love to Leonard, Ezra, Lucretia, & Hannah, and Mrs Dean wishes to be remembered kindly to you all, and remember us to your brothers family I enjoy pretty good health, dont practice medicine any now, but am obliged to take good care and be particular about exposure

Your affectionate Brother
Ezra Dean

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Mrs Lucretia Dean

Woodstock. Con.

Ans^d to Ezra Deane }

East Woodstock Aug 14th 1865

Dear Brother & Sister

Yours of the 4 was duly received, & as Ezra is not able to answer it, I have taken the responsablity upon myself. Lest you should be frightened I would say to begin with, that we do not consider him dangerously sick now although it is a dangerous complaint & often results fatally. He has been comfortably sick, since the commencement of it, except a few days when the Doct decided that he had ulceration of the bowels, & consequently could not write letters as he had done previously, which he did sitting in the bed. Today (Monday) is the 37th day he has been confined to his bed

& I presume he has not sat up 6 hours, in the time. At the present time, he is apparently improving. Still, there is no telling what the results will be, in such cases. He is taking a pill of Opium, once in 8 hours, day after day, which seems to produce a good effect, so far. — He is loosing flesh, quite fast ~~but~~ but that does not trouble me the most of any thing, for I think I can put that on again, with good nursing, & good feed, if he will try & dispose of some of his cares, which I am confident he will, as soon as circumstances permit, if the — Lord sees fit to spare his life.

When that takes place, I will talk with you about a visit to the west. I have anticipated so — much pleasure in that, as well as other events of a similar kind that I hardly dare to hope. — What I have seen & experienced for two years past, has been a lesson in that respect — & I hope a profitable one, feeling that God is the disposer of all events — — — —

You spoke of the events of last Summer. Yes we remember them. & have been reminded of them in a strikeing manner. When Ezra was taken sick, Pamelia was confined in my bedroom, & E. took the parlorchamber which made it seem as though we were living the same over again in many respects, & we oftin spoke of the scenes that transpired in that room just one year since.

By the way — Myrtilla pressed me so hard to give her Connie's picture that I did so, on condition that she gave it back, if I could not get another

Of course you will send me one, if you have it to spare. I think those you sent us are very true. Shall watch for Lucretias — — — —

We have made enquiries of Mrs Bishop's daughters respecting an express Office at South Hadly. They said they did not know whether there was or not — but there would be no trouble whatever If you sent your baggage directed to Holyoke Seminary, South Hadly, Mass — & write them at the same time that you have sent such articles, & they will be look'd after — — —
We shall look forward to ~~the~~ time of Mary's Vacation with a great deal of pleasure — hope we shall all live to enjoy it — All send love to all

Yours Affectionately
Pamelia B. Dean

Aug 15th

Ezra is still improving & is taking his allowance of Chicken broth. Up to this time, he has lived on Beef tea & corn broth. That is another thing commemorative of the days of Carrie's sickness; & there are others too numerous to mention - Pamelia, is very much better - When C. was taken sick she was confined to her bed & remained so, for about two weeks, & than began to gain gradually, & finally got able to lodge in her own room. - Of course we found it very tedious taking care of him up stairs & finally moved him down, where he has been very comfortable on account of heat

I need not tell you that I feel

the need of rest. I find I cannot endure what I could once, although bound to keep my complaints to myself as much as possible at present. We have five cows this Summer & Abby is not tough — —

We do not have much company to take meals, but callers incessantly. Enough to keep a Porter very busy

I have taken all the care of Cyna night & day. He sometimes says, Are you sick; Of cours I say No — there is nothing like getting used to a thing. You have probibly found that out before this time

I am afraid you will not have patience to read any more

- - - Good bye

P B L

There are a plenty of mistakes, but you are capable of correcting them

Give my
respects
especially
to Mr Gone

East Woodstock Nov 12th

Dear Sister

I must write, & tell you how much I want to see you all. Although, we have been very busy, we have thought & talked about you every day— — & I need not tell you,— that the peculiar circumstances under which your visit was made here, presents a theme for conversation in our little family circle, almost daily; & the name of Carrie, has become as familiar as any member of the family. Sympathy is sweet, yet it cannot remove the cup of sorrow already administered. But dear sister how blessed to know there is One above, who can relieve all our sorrows, & grant us that consolation that earth cannot give nor take away

That Corrie should come here to die, is not as we should have dictated. But the controler of all events knew best & I hope that it will be sanctified to us all.

We are all well as usual, and no material change since you left. We are begining to think about thanksgiving but shall not make much fuss about the feast, for I can be thankful without - We are expecting Lyman about that time, which will be a - cause for gratitude if he gets home alive - I have been to Putnam & staid two days with Mrs Lyon. She is afflicted with rheumatism in the stomach, is not able to do any thing. Leonard's family are all well & he is going West soon, & what is more the scamp is teasing Ezra to go with him. Well that is all well enough, but am afraid he will not be ready to go with me when I get ready. Leonard thinks the journey will do him good. If I thought it would I should leave also. Mr Hammond wishes to be remembered to you & your little family he often speaks of you in particular, he thought you was about right. You know it is a great thing to suit an old Bachelor - The girls send love to all & tell Mary & Anna they must write - How is Mr Gore's health now - With regard to the Logwood you spoke of it was the ground ~~Logwood~~

I shall not be patient to wait 7 years before I see you all. Shall you? (I mean in Connecticut) We had a very pleasant visit with Hannah & I hope she enjoyed it, as well as the rest. Mr Hammond said he wish she would stay all winter. I am thinking I shall have a good visit

when I go to Macomb
I am going to write to Hannah
today What do you think about
our National affairs now; I am a
little ashamed of Connecticut, But
think you have reason to be proud
of your State - By the way, I will
stop here & Hurrah; for Lincoln
I presume you have heard by way
of the Transcript - about the Mass
meeting - But perhaps you did not
know that Ezra escorted the Speakers
from the Depot with his Span of
Greys. I say the Speakers, for the Gov-
ernor disappointed them - It is late
& I must close - I hope we shall
hear from you often -
We found your brush - One day
it fell off the shelf in the backroom
how it came there is more than
I know - Shall bring it when I
come

Yours Affectionately

Pamelia

East Woodstock March 29th 1892

(Dear Friends

I did not mean it should be so long before you heard direct from me; but it so happens, I have written a great many letters this winter, considering what an old broken down concern I have got to be, some of them I could not put off, as I have you, & I know you will forgive me, under—the circumstances. I hear from you [illegible] occasionly through Hannah. She called in last week on her way to Putnam, with Anna Morse; especially for a ride. — She said she was very well, & appeared to be in very good spirits, but does not get a chance to make any long visits. I am hopeing to be able to call on her this Summer if I live. — Leonard is very comfortable just now, has his poor — spells when it seems as though he could not live long. I think your Aunt has got

more "back bone than most people
It is evident the "promise is verified that
"As thy day is, so shall thy strength be
It has proved true in my case dureing"
the past, but what is in the future I let
alone, and try to feel thankful from day to
day for his unspeakable goodness. I
realize more & more that, "The things we enjoy
are passing away; And we are passing,
who enjoy them." Mrs Spencer has not got
well enough to "come back yet but hopes
to before long. Mrs C. has done the cooking:
& mrs Withey the washing & ironing. & a boy
to bring up the wood & coal. At the pres-
-ent time Ellen is having an attack of rheu-
-matism, & Kate Walker has come to
take her place. What will be next I cant
say. I am feeling better than usual this
week. and here comes in the Promise
I often think of you, & how busy you must
be. I have been making some new wrappers
& fixing up the old ones. I often wish
I could step in & relieve you of some
of your burdens. I have not lost my

faculty in those things yet, although
I say it myself you know I never was -
lacking in self-conceit; & that keeps me
along wonderfully in my old age. -
Evry body in this place has had what they call
the Gripp. We have not had so much as
a cold. Harris May is very sick. The
Doct calls it heart failure & lung trouble..
I dont think of much news that would interest
you. Now when are you coming to Conn?
I hope to see some of you, this summer
or Fall, when it is most convenient for you.
I think it would do the Doct good, to try it,
as I hope he will. I presum I shall
forget to say all I meant to, but I am
afraid you will get discoraged before
you get through with this. William
has just come in & sends a great deal of
love to you all. Mrs C. sends love
& so do I. It is mail time & I will releive
you for this time. Yours Affectionately

Aunt Pamelia

This paper some that Ezra left -
There are some blunders which I will leave
for the students to correct -

Give my love to all enquiring
friends - have not heard from
Anna lately I wrote her last -

East Woodstock April 11th

Dear Mary & Anna

What can I say or do for your comfort; my first impulse is to speak of our own sorrow occasioned by the death of your dear Mother, & our dear Sister. Could I see you face to face, I should prefer to sit & weep in silence; that most significant expression of greaf. But as that cannot be, I must talk with you — not as one who knows from experiance what it is to part with such a precious mother (for such indeed she was to you) but who has a sympathise-ing heart & can feel for others woes. & I need not tell you that we weep & mourn in your behalf as well as our own & I am often led to wonder - yes - wonder how you can be supported. But He who has administered this bitter Cup, "Doeth all things well" & will sustain you. I feel inclined to speak of her excellences, but it is useless for me to attempt to eulogise her character, for it is better understood with you than I could express on paper. I think we can say of her - She needeth no Eulogy, Her Memorial is written on High.

I would like to say a great many things to you, but have not time tonight. Not one half hour escapes in a day but what I think of you & I wish it was possible for me to assist you in your domestic affairs & plans - I want you to write me often & how you get along - Be care

-ful of your health - We
received a letter from Hannah
today, she said you was not -
feeling very well - Remember
me to your Father, I wish I might
do something for his comfort -
I should esteem it a priviledge
although I know you will do all
in your power to smooth his rugged path

It is getting late & I must close.
Your Uncle has gone to bed. is
quite smart except lame back

Abbie is to her Uncle Chan-
-dlers doing housework, her
Aunt has got a sore hand - -

Pamelia is quite slim in
health - The rest are as well
as usual - All send a great deal
of love - - - If you have got a
plenty of your Mothers hair
I should like a little

Your Affectionate Aunt
Pamelia B. Dean

Abbie is going to write you
soon, if she has not already

12th

We are going to call on
Mrs Rennolds today, & shall
visit Carrie's grave

Good bye

East Woodstock June 29th 1888

My Dear Mary

Yes, I think it is hard that you should not hear one word of sympathy from your friends for so long a time. But you have it all the same We have talked about you and how much more you would miss him for his having been such a sufferer. We *mourn* for what has gone before, and *pity* for the past. But it is all over now and we will think of him in our Fathers Kingdom free from suffering and perhaps in the midst of those of our dear friends who have gone before. —

I wish you was where I could see and talk with you. "Sympathy is sweet." I hope you will get rested. We have been having quite tearing up time in the lower part of the house which has made it rather hard for me have not got quite settled. Aunt Hannah is here now. We enjoy her visit very much. Anna is going to spend her vocation here but has not written when. I wish you could be here to visit with us. Aunt Hannah & Mrs Carpenter send love & sympathy. Accept a large share from myself with a extension & a kiss for the children. You will probably hear from us again before long. I expect we shall have a great time on the 3d & forth. We have an invitation to the reception dont know whether we shall go or not -

Yours Affectionately
Aunt Pamelia

East Woodstock April 5th 1893

My Dear Mary

I thank you for your very interesting letter & intended to have written you before, but have not felt quite as well as usual, & some afflicted with dizziness. and writing did not agree with it. As for time I have no excuse to make. although, am just as busy as ever I was, about something. It makes no difference, whether it is repairing old dresses, braiding rugs, glueing & repareing old chairs, or soldering tin and stopping holes generally (as William says) which would make a long Catalogue if Specified. However, I am happy to do it for it occupies my mind, which is inclined to dwell too much in the past, mourning over the happy days never to be recalled.

Yet, setting aside the loss of my dear family, I am comparitively happy now. I think I have a right to say, my friends are numerous. &, together with a pleasant home good company, and evry thing to make me comfortable, is all I deserve. Still, am very lonesome. You spoke of the numerous things to be done in housekeeping I have often wished you was where I could lend a helping hand. Am able to do a great many things that help along business, in such a family as yours. I am glad you are getting along so well, & that you are a little nearer Woodstock. After all, the World's Fair is no temptation, therefore, you can start for Woodstock any time, & there will be no danger of a collision. I hope to be able to attend my own church if I live this summer, but time will determine. — I went three times last year. My trouble this past month has been weakness and dizziness. Appetite not very good. Am–

taking Maltine at the present time, but previous to this, have taken Trommers extract of Malt. which I think has done well for me. I suppose you hear from Hannah? She has been quite sick with a cold, an Epidemic that is going the rounds. Leonard is quite miserable. I dont know how long Hannah will hold out. I would be glad to go & help her if possable. — Mrs Silas May died last Saturday night. was buried yesterday Apr 3d. was sick a few weeks, gradually loosing strength without pain, till the last. I dont know what Julia will do. as yet; Louisa will probably stay in her Coop, & no Mother to wait on her. she did not attend the funeral. There is surely a Skeleton in that family The "Band are prepareing for a "Drama" in the Methodist Church this evening we have Sociables in the Hall once in two weeks. we have supper, & other entertainments, which are amusing to old as well as young[4]. What is better than all, we have a good minister & as good preaching as you can get any where & I think his people appreciate his labor. I dont think of any thing more — that would be especially interesting to you, except that I am braiding rugs, when there is nothing more important on hand. Shall probably continue, until I am out of material. have got some very handsome ones. I think they would do to go to the Worlds Fair. When you start to run away from the excitement you had better come this way & it will all be made up to you. I will display all my works of Art, & play I am the Statuary. I guess you will think I have got the sublime & ridiculous rather mixed, Moreover am afraid it will tax your patience to read it. — I shall be glad to hear from you when it is convenient. Mrs Carpenter sends love. She expects to attend the "Fair" She does not know the time. I had a copy of Phillips Brooks last Sermon

which came from Anna in —
March I responded to it but have
not heard since. Give my love
to the Doct & the children. Please,
accept a large share yourselfe —
Yours Affectionately
Aunt Parmelia

East Woodstock Dec. 22nd 1871

Mrs Permelia Dean

Dear Madam

I am fully aware of your supprise upon receiving this as comming from an unexpected source. yet be aſsured that I am prompted to make an effort in this humble, social way to impart from a feeling heart, an expreſsion of sympathy, which you so much need in this season of deep and overwhelming "grief", which none can feel, but such as have been call'd to part with a bosom "companion" in whose fond embrace they have been held for a course of years, which cemented in one — I need not attempt to describe the depth of your "sorrow", or measure the amount of loſs you feel while separated from the most loved being, on earth — though I know from experience when death separated the "wife" of my youth from my embrace, what "Sorrow" meant; when it was a luxury to weep, as it relieved a burdened bosom — yet I am thankful that there is the flowing "stream" of God's "goodness" and love"; wisely adapted to refresh our thirsty spirits fainting under a weight of affliction. Let us consider from what sources, we may seek to be comforted, when mourning for the loss of lov'd ones, "You know", who, is revealed to save those that trust in Him. Jesus is a loving "Saviour"; he is full of sympathy. He wept with the sorrowing Sisters. He is just as kind now and will impart consolation to you, when you trust his promises, and say with the poet.

I lay my griefs on Jesus,
My burdens and my cares;
He from them all releases.
He all my sorrows shares.

He has sent the "Comforter" into the world as he promised; and O! how many have found in him that "Peace" which reivid their wounded hearts. How precious is the loving Saviour to all who will pour out their hearts desire unto him; for He hears thy softest prayer; and will raise thy fainting spirit, in cheerful hope.

Many are the ways in which God manifests his Goodness & Mercy to us – How rich are His mercies revealed in the gospel – not only is it "good news" of "salvation" to the penitent believing heart; but we may richly enjoy all the fruits of the "Spirit", which are love, joy, peace, brotherly kindness, &c – therefore the hearts of "Christians" are united in fellowship of love – and those hearts who enjoys most of the Saviour's love in their own hearts – have the purest love for others – They feel a desire to sympathize with the sorrowing – This is one source of "Comfort" to "you"; that there are so many who "pity" you – and have shown and will continue to be kindly affectionate towards you – whose prayers daily are offered to God for you – What a "rich blessing", to have so many praying for us – There is another source by which you will receive satisfaction & Comfort – if you rightly view the rich blessings you have enjoyed – as you take a retrospect of your past history you will remember the early espousal to him who was so worthy of your love; in whom you have for so many years, Enjoyed that noble, kind hearted affectionate companion – true to all the nuptial duties of life – whose sincere friendship was constant – whose wise designs and efforts was so blessed, that prosperity attended his labours – therefore a competance, yea affluence was the reward of diligence –

It is needless for me to attempt to number the sources of your Enjoyment, for these course of years; for they are "indelible" in your "memory" – which will be a treasury from which you may be refreshed, and made happy in the contemplation of the "happy "Home"; with all the kind, social and loving associations, which you have realized, during all your married life. Though you have had days of sickness, a cloud of gloom and affliction, which may have lasted for a night. Yet joy came in the "morning"; for the goodness of God brought health again – with a pleasant sun of prosperity – Cant you sing with Psalmist "Bless the Lord O my Soul" as you will find in the 103d Ps. please read and apply it to your heart and feelings ——

It is a consoling reflection to think, that you have others who can enter, with sympathy into the hidden "grief" of your bosom; having been bereft of a loving companion as you have been.

Although I have perhaps wearied you. I
would like to say a few words more—
I hope you feel that the long severe sickness
and suffering which your loved one endur
ed, was a manifestation of "God's goodness" and
mercy"; rather than judgment for He has
assured us. "that all things shall work togeth
er for "good" to those that love him"—
You will be comforted when you feel that
your "Saviour" is with you, to strengthen and
afford you peace of mind & soothe your sorrow
while you repose upon his bosom of love—
As you often will come to "Jesus" in "prayer";
to unbosom your grief; you will soon
find a consolation flowing into your bosom.
assured that you have a friend in time of need—
What comfort you may receive which you
hope that the departed has been released
from suffering, to join that happy com
pany, who have come out of great tribula
tion, and washed their robes, & made them
white in the blood of the Lamb— and sing
that (New song. "Worthy is the Lamb" &c—

I need not say to you that it is a source of comfort for you to think, that you will e'er long, a few more days, — be permitted to embrace again, that beloved companion: where parting will be known no more — And as you will often have "mementos", and objects to bring him afresh to your mind, it may be a "comfort" oftener than grief — And as you may go into the Cemetery. and come to view his resting place — let lines below come to your mind as a solace —

"O make my grave no place of tears;
And softly press the Earth,
That covers him whose smiles once gave
A brightness to your hearth:
O keep one place; one little place
From all the "rest" apart;
One spot which I will call a "home";
Within thy faithful heart.
And in the holy hours of dreams.
When spirits fill the air;
With tender eye and folded wing,
I'll softly rest me there —

From your friend Harley Bixby

Return to
THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK,
PUTNAM, Conn.,
If not delivered within 5 days.

Resolutions
On the death of
E. Dean

GILBERT W. PHILLIPS, President. CAPITAL, $150,000. JOHN A. CARPENTER, Cashier

First National Bank of Putnam.

Putnam, Conn., Jan 27th 1872.

Mrs Ezra Dean:

In accordance with the vote of this Bank I herewith transmit to you the Resolutions relating to the death of your late husband. They tell you in language not *formal*, but *heartfelt* of the confidence, respect, & love borne him. Personally I can say, that though an intimate acquaintance of more than fifteen years, I never had an unpleasant thought toward him, nor never knew of his having ought against me, He has passed on to the future & in his case the *better* life. There is little to live for *here*, for our choicest treasures are taken from us without a moments warning & all our earthly hopes are blasted in an instant. The *sorrow* which fills *my own heart* & that of my *dear wife*, is known only to God, & he alone can give aid, and & comfort. May he bless & comfort *you*. Your friend

Gilbert W. Phillips

At a meeting of The Board of Directors of the First National Bank of Putnam held Jan,y 9th 1872. The Following Resolutions were passed

—— Whereas it hath plased an All Wise Providence to remove from among us the late Hon. Ezra Dean a member of this board.

— Resolved. That in this affliction we deplore the loſs of a high minded, honerable man a genial, and kind-hearted Gentleman. Ever true and faithful to the trust reposed in him, in all the departments of life—

That we deeply mourn his death, and shall long miss his cheerful presence at this board

—— That our heartfelt sympathies are hereby tendered to his bereaved Wife and family.

Gilbert W. Phillips
Prest.
John A. Carpenter
Cashier

Resolution
re
death of
Hon Ezra Dean,

1870

Estate of Ezra Dean decd in a/c with P. Dean. L. M. Dean & S. Mason Extrs

Cr. By amt Inventory	23635,11
" " Cash not inventoried	75,00
" " Rent of pasture	35,00
" " interest & premiums	2151,90
	$25897,01

Dr. To amt deducted from Inventory given the widow by will of decd	250,00
" " Cash or stocks " "	6000,00
" " pd Thos. Backus bill	10,00
" " " Ruggles & Mason "	99,59
" " " O. E. Lombard "	11,88
" " " U. S. Stamps	13,00
" " " E. C. May's "	,90
" " " Note & interest - Mrs. Mason	304,25
" " " E. D. Phipps' bill	8,50
" " " Printing "	5,00
" " " L. E. Capen "	10,00
" " " Abel Child "	2,38
" " " Wm Buxton "	13,00
" " " Tucker & Perry "	10,81
" " " Appraisers "	14,00
" " " John Sawyer "	3,75
" " " Geo. A. Paine "	60,85
" " " E. D. Phipps "	81,50
	$6899,41

Cr. By Amt brot. over		25897.01
Dr. To Amt brot. over	6899,41	
" " paid Town tax 1872	720,33	
" " " N. C. Bartlett's bill	40,00	
" " " Edwd Cochran "	119,00	
" " " Perley Jordan "	11,18	
" " " Silas May "	7,00	
" " " N. C. Bartlett "	100,22	
" " " Dr. J. Witter "	221,25	
" " " Thos Haines "	4,50	
" " " Insurance	18,45	
" " " [illegible] note	190,00	
" " " Ruggles Mason's "	177,00	
" " " Academy "	342,00	
" " Loss on sale of Real Est	450,00	
" " " Slip rent by Mrs. D.	19,00	
" " " Sundry bills, by Mrs D.	106,00	
" " " tomb and tablets " "	50,00	
" " " Legacy to Lell Dean as per Will	2000,00	
" " " H A Baily as per Will	1000,00	
Legacy to Mary C Gose " "	1000,00	
Legacy Anna L Gose " "	1000,00	
" Aby C Mason " "	1000,00	
" Sophia Buck " "	300,00	
" Lyman Mason " "	800 00	
" Ruggles M Mason " "	200,00	
" E. K Chamberlain " "	100,00	
" N. E. Bartlett "	100,00	
" Treasurer of the Cong. Ch & So.	1000,00	
" loss on Sales of R Estate	450,00	
" four Notes L McDean	3315,27	
Probate Fees &c	32.50	21173.11
		4723.90

" four Notes 2

" Probate Fees &c " 32.50 — 21173.11

4723.90

Woodstock Oct. 24th 1873

Parmelia B. Dean
L M Dean
Lyman Mason
} Extrs.

Add for Error in Chgs - Loss on Dales RR 450 —

$ 5173.90

Estate of Ezra Dean

Copy of
Settlement

John M. Paine. Executor. in account with the Estate of Pamelia B. Dean

Dr

To amount of Inventory	$18454,07
" Interest on Bank stock & deposits	350,54
" " " Note	37,50
" Premiums on one share bank stock	5,00
	$18847,11

Cr.

By cash for funeral expenses	$129.00
" " " Dr Olins bill	261.50
" " " Love Bros. "	40,00
" " To pay W. E. Wheelock's bill for coal	17,15
" " " " V. T. Wetherel's " for produce	8.68
" " " " F. J. Williamson for meat	1,00
" " " " Appraisers	4 00
" " " " McDonald & Williams for printing	4,50
" " For Probate expenses	28.00
" " " State tax	682.52
" " " Town "	52,8[illegible]
" " " Services of Executor	150.00
" Paying specific bequests	3525,00
" " Legacy to Hannah A. Bailey	4681. 41
" " " " Mary C. Richardson	458[illegible]. 15
" " " " Anna L. William	4481. 40
	$18847,11

then it is my will that the su[illegible] have the whole of said one fourth, and if both [illegible] 'em should die before my decease or if either of the others mentioned in this item should decease before me, then it is my will that all said residue be divided among those that survive in the same proportions as before mentioned.

I direct that all the foregoing legacies or bequests be paid within two years of my decease.

Lastly. I constitute and appoint my wife Pamelia H. Dean, Leonard M. Dean and Lyman Mason Executors of this my last will and Testament.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty first day of August A.D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy one. in the presence of the subscribing witnesses hereto.

Ezra Dean.

George A. Kaine }
Calista Walker } Witnesses
Varnum E. Walker }

In addition to the provision made in the will, Aunt Pamelia has the insurance which is $1000.

Be it remembered that I Ezra Dean of Woodstock in the County of Windham and State of Connecticut being of sound mind and memory do ordain and publish this as and for my last Will and Testament in manner and form as follows - to wit;

It is my will and I order and direct that all my just debts be paid and discharged by Executors hereinafter named.

I give and bequeath to my Wife Pamelia H. Dean all my real estate lying and being situated between the roads leading from Nathan C. Bartlett's dwelling house to the dwelling house of Albert Morse, and the road leading from the house of said Bartlette to the dwelling house of N. H. Lippitt, including dwelling house and other buildings, Tannery and all the appurtenances belonging thereto. Also the wood lot purchased of Doct. Asa Witter lying in Thompson Woods so called containing about fourteen and one half acres. Also it is my will that all my neat stock, horses, hogs, carriages, wagons, household furniture of all kinds, farming tools, Piano forte, Library, wearing apparel and six thousand dollars in money or in Stocks and Bonds at her option, and also my watch. All of these articles and estate to be hers and at her disposal forever and not to be inventoried or appraised by Executors. Also it is my will that all the agricultural products that may be on hand at my decease belong to and be at the disposal of my said Wife on the same terms and with the same provisos as the other items heretofore mentioned.

I give and bequeath to my Brother Leonard M. Dean two thousand Dollars.

I give and bequeath to my sister Hannah A. Bailey one thousand Dollars.

I give and bequeath to the two daughters of my deceased sister Lucretia, viz. Mary C. Gore and Anna L. Gore one thousand dollars each.

I give and bequeath to Abby C. [illegible] one thousand dollars.

I give and bequeath to Sophia Buck three hundred dollars.

I give and bequeath to Lyman Mason eight hundred dollars.

I give and bequeath to Ruggles M. Mason two hundred dollars.

I give and bequeath to Edwin L. Chamberlin one hundred dollars.

I give and bequeath to Nathan C. Bartlett one hundred dollars.

I give and bequeath to the person who when the same is payable holds the Office of Treasurer of the Congregational Church in East Woodstock, Conn. in trust for said church One thousand Dollars, to be safely invested by him and the interest or income arising therefrom to be annually appropriated to the support of the Gospel by said church and the society worshipping with them.

I give and bequeath all the rest and residue of my estate whether real or personal or mixed not included in the foregoing bequests to my wife Pamelia H. Dean, to Leonard M. Dean, Hannah A. Bailey and the two daughters of my deceased sister Lucretia Gore viz. Mary C. Gore and Anna L. Gore in four equal parts and if Mary C. Gore or Anna L. Gore should decease before the execution of this my will

[illegible] Sides Harness Leather	in tan	$6,78.00	one half interest	339.
[illegible] " Card "	tanned	492.00	" " "	246
[illegible]8 " harness "	"	962.00	" " "	481
3[illegible]3 " [illegible] grained & handled sides [illegible]		790.00	" " "	395.4[illegible]
Lot of Skiffings in tan		25.00	" " "	12.50
187 Calfskins in tan		536.69	" " "	268.34
14 hides		77.83	" " "	38.92
200 lbs. hair		10.00	" " "	5.
20 lbs. [illegible] hair		2.00	" " "	1.
Lot horns and pelts		2.50	" " "	1.25
Lot shavings		5.00	" " "	7.50
68 lbs. Small calfskins	finished	53.56	" " "	26.78
76 lbs. kipskins	"	41.80	" " "	20.90
88½ feet kip leather	"	16.82	" " "	8.41
23 lbs. belt "	"	8.28	" " "	4.14
10 lbs. hogskin "	"	1.50	" " "	.75
Lot damaged lace	"	1.25	" " "	.62
53½ feet damaged kip	"	6.42	" " "	3.21
½ interest in 35 lbs. calfskins	"	9.62	" " "	4.81
2 small damaged "		.75	" " "	.37
1 Sheepskin	"	.10	" " "	.05
104 lbs. sole leather		27.04	" " "	13.52
½ interest in 26¼ lbs. harness leather		5.90	" " "	2.95
½ interest in sheepskin		.25	" " "	.12
34 lbs. calfskin	finished	24.48	" " "	12.2[illegible]
35½ lbs. "	"	40.82	" " "	20.41
2 sides lace	"	2.00	" " "	1.00
432 lbs harness leather	"	172.80	" " "	86.40
431 lbs. splits	"	112.06	" " "	56.03
23 gals. Labrador oil		15.64	" " "	7.82
22 " Bank "		12.76	" " "	6.38
15 " seals "		21.00	" " "	10.50
250 lbs. tallow		22.50	" " "	11.25
14 lbs. lampblack		2.80	" " "	1.40
¼ gals. soap blacking		.50	" " "	.25
[illegible] gals. Iron liquor		5.00	" " "	2.50
43 lbs. skiffings		24.31	" " "	12.15
40 sides kip leather, 9 feet per side		649.80	" " "	324.90
105 " card "		453.60	" " "	226.80
A Lot Wool		2.00	" " "	1.00
" " wet hair		14.00	" " "	7.00
" " [illegible]		15.0[illegible]	" " "	[illegible].50
1[illegible] cords Bark		[illegible]00.00	" " "	6[illegible]
Lot [illegible] rope		3.75	" " "	1.88

1 Pair Double harnesses	60.
A Lot of Table tools	10.
2 Lamps	.75
Oil measures and kettles in shop	3.00
1 Small Brass kettle and Leather measure	1.
1 Curry Beam	.2.
1 Splitting Machine	62.50
Scales	12.50
9 Curry knives 3.50 8 Rubstones 3.50	7.00
4 Curry Tables 40.00 Stove & pipe in curry room 16.67	56.67
3 pair pipe tongs, cocks & old Iron	5.00
2 Bark baskets 2.00 2 Fleshers 1.00	3.
2 Taner Beams 4.00 One Stove and pipe in Tannery 7.67	11.67
1 Pump 4.33 1 Skimmer 1.33	5.66
1 Lot of Troughs 2.00 1 Bark fork 2 Shovels 1.50	3.50
2 Wheel Barrows	5.75
40 shares in 1st National Bank Putnam	4000.00
Connecticut State Bonds	2000.00
100 Shares in Continental Life Insurance Company	2500.00
United States Gov. Bonds	3500 00
1 Note given by Abel Child & interest	24.19
1 " " " Lawson Snow & interest	300.92
1 " " " George A. Spaulding & interest	1.14
1 " " " Woodstock Agricultural Society & interest	103.28
1 " " " Lyman Mason & interest	917.59
1 " " " Ezra Durand & interest	~~5405.00~~
Brick House and lot connected therewith	2500.00
40 acres of Land - called the Chapman lot 6500	800.00
4 1/2 acres of Wood land called the Copeland lot.	250.00
	26135.12

Joseph D. Damons
Marcius Green
Joseph Callack

} Appraisers.

Woodstock February 8th 1872.

Norfolk December 30th 1837

Dear child. I take my pen to write hoping that some opportunity may occur [illegible] it to you I feel very anxious to hear from you but it is seldom that I can hear of an opportunity untill it is past we are all in tolerable health at present Lucretia has had an ill turn but it proved to be nothing more than a cold and she was out again in a few days I have had a very severe cold and a [illegible] in my throat but have got pretty much over it now I hope this finds you enjoying good health.

We have now arrived near the close of another year let us pause and reflect for a moment. Can we look back and say we have spent it as become rational creatures bound for a never ending eternity or have we trifled away in vanity and folly those precious moments which can never return let these reflections stir us up to diligence in whatsoever our hand findeth to do knowing that the present time is only what we may call our own what is past cannot be recalled that which is to come may never be ours; may we be careful to improve the present so that whenever it shall be pronounced that time shall be no longer we may not have that agonizing reflection of misspent opportunity which may no longer be allowed us.

Another year will soon commence to many it must be the last of their earthly existence of how great importance that we should be prepared to bid adieu to all earthly concerns will it not be of vast importance to exchange this mortal for immortality whether the change is for everlasting and unchangable happiness or for endless misery. O; my dear child let not the vanities of this ever changing and delusive world cause you to forget that you are fast hastening to that bourn from which no traveler returns or let your greatest concern be to secure an interest in that good part which can never be taken from us. The attention to religion still contin-ues in this place there is to be 25 young person admitted to the church next sabbath and some more seem to be enquiring what they shall do to be saved I think it will be a very solemn sight to see so many young people devoting themselves to the service of their Lord and master in their youth.

I hope you will not fail to write to me the first opportunity as I wish to know when you will be ready to return to Westfield that we may be able to make some arrangement about sending for you. Leonard is at Major Hays, I expect he will stay there a year so the children will go to one school although they reside in three families

We have a very good schoolmaster and a very good school but I hope they will try to improve their time to good advantage.

It is a general time of health here at this time no prevailing complaint except ague which is a very common one at this season of the year. I have no news particular to write you except Miss Sophia Mayo and Mr Jones married she was married the week before last to Mr S. Jones at the pond Manufactory and last week on tuesday Mr Hezekiah Bugbee to Miss Jemima Harding of Southbridge Massachusetts

Mary & Julia May send their love to you.

I must close my letter with wishing health peace and prosperity both in time and eternity from your affectionate mother Lucretia Dean

Caroline Dean

I wish you to write by the bearer of this if possible

Miss Caroline Dean
Providence. R. I.

No 73

Woodstock April 14 1841

Dear child I received your letter by the hand of
Mr Trumbull this morning and as Lucretia was not at
home I presumed to open it , and shall take the opportu-
nity of answering it myself I hope you do not think we
donot want to see or hear from you I assure you we
do very much . Lucretia has deferred writing untill
she knew where she should be this summer but she
had not engaged a school last week when she went to
the village she had some encouragment of having the
same she taught last summer but as she has heard
nothing further about it conclude they are otherwise
provided there are so many applicants for all the schools
unless vigourous effort is made there is little chance for
obtaining one worth having , Ezra says he will
get you a pair of shoes . as to the money you
sent I do not know which ought to be paid first Ely
has never said any thing about his pay , I saw
Mrs Chamberlin the other day she said Peck called
there and said he expected Brown and they would settle
with them but when the time came he called and
said Brown had not come and he could not do any thing about
it Peck has gone with his family to East Haddam and I
have heard nothing of Brown lately , William Chamberlin started
for New Jersey last tuesday in pursuit of business but
I shall not not write much news as Electa will inform
of the news , I do not think Lucretia will get any
other bonnet this spring than the one she had
last winter I understood by Mr Newton Chamberlin

that you was coming home the last of this month or the first of next month I hope you will come and ~~and~~ stay long enough to make us a visit and rest yourself awhile from the mill you will want to fix your summer clothes some. I hope you enjoy your health take it for granted as you do not say any thing about it my health is good and I keep the shoe business going regular Lucretia has been very much troubled with her head Dr Witter says it is disease and it is high time it was attended to Lucy has had an ill turn but is better now. Pamelia's lame ancles trouble her some this Spring the rest of the family are well as usual, Write as often as possible and not take such a notion in to your head that we dont want to hear from you.

I must close soon as my letter must be sent off L will write you soon if she has not already

your affectionate mother — Lucretia Dean

Hannah A Dean

Mr Reynolds and wife were at W, last week I did not see them as I happened to be from home a few days ~~Lucy~~ aunt Lucy is rather feeble when you come home I will go with you to see her if possible

Miſs Hannah A Dean
Sturbridge
Fiskdale

Pamela has been to Worcester to get her a bonnet but I have not seen it she went home with Mr Day after the funeral Augustine did not come as he was quite unwell at the time with a cold

Woodstock May 21st 1845

Dear Daughter

I received your letter of the 18th last night was very glad to hear from you, as I have been very anxious to hear for some time, I was very glad to learn that you found Union more agreeable than you anticipated, I thought it probable that you would, as you had heard nothing very flattering about it, I do not doubt but you will find as good people in Union as in any other place, I hope you will not find any more downright ugly than some of our self-estimated muddy brains the Childs for instance, Charles Childs came to Mr Buttricks last week with John Gove Elisha Lyon and talked so saucy to Mr B. that Deac Whitten said if any man should come into his house and treat him in such a manner he would turn him out of doors if he would not go peaceably he would take the tongs and drive him out, so much for C[illegible] [illegible] and settlement.

You wished me to write you all the news, Lang and I spent the week after you left in cleaning and preparing things to leave we went one afternoon to Leonards, he left Saturday morning and I left at night, Sabbath night I was sent for to go to watch with Mr Leonard Morse who had been very sick about a week with erysipelas was not expected he would live through the night, and

Did not, he died between two and three oclock in the morn
Mr Lamson and Mr Wright were there, he was buried
Tuesday afternoon, Wednesday night between eleven
and twelve we were aroused from sleep by the
bell ringing violently, Mr B sprang from the bed and
ran to the window expecting to see a fire could
see nothing went into the other chamber still
could discover nothing began to think it could not
be fire as there was no cry of fire, Mr B went
out to the meetinghouse and found the alarm was
occasioned by Mrs Pamela G Hagar being gone
and could not be found, a number of men took
lanterns and went in search of her but could not
find her, the next morning they went out again and
she was found at Mrs Dinah Tuckers where she
had been through the night, she heard the bell in
the night and told Mrs B it was ringing because she
was missing, they went to Mr Carpenter the next
morning as he was one of the select men he said he
would carry her home or to the poor house as she
chose to go to the poor house, but the last I heard
her mother had sent for her home to their house
very sweet honeymoon —— Friday evening of the
same week at 8 oclock Grandma'am May died
almost instantly she had been quite comfortable
for some days, took tea with the family in the after
noon, after tea she lay down and at the time was

fixing on her night clothes she was sitting up on the bed and talking with the folks when she fell away upon one side and survived but a few minutes your aunt Mann was there she had been from the Saturday before staying with her to let Mary go to the Summit where she was at the time she died, she was buried Sabbath day morning at the church, last Monday Doct Wadsworth called to let me know that Mrs Healy was dead with an invitation to attend the funeral Wednesday afternoon, I accordingly went, she had failed gradually was not confined to her bed but a few days previous to her death, she looked very natural, her face was little bloated just enough to make her look natural. funeral services attended at the church, Mrs Lydia Davis Mrs H.s sister died the Friday before Mrs H. was buried Sabbath day thus these two sisters who were fondly attached to each other in life were soon united in death — I took tea at Mr Caleb Healys Mr Healy has been laid by from business for six weeks with a fellon on his finger not probable he will be able to do any thing for some weeks to come. Mrs H was well as usual — you mentioned you call at Mr Bondelles which made you rejoice in your single blessedness, I must just mention that I heard this week that you was going to be married I must close as I have no more room

it was Mary Ellis who asked me about it said that ~~she~~ she noticed they were
of it at Uncle Eli's by Amos Smith I should think you might them tell me as well as
Amos

write you again soon you need not be afraid
that I shall not feel interested in what you write and then
I shall want to hear how you get along I hope you will
get rid of the toothache. my own health is good at present
your affectionate mother — Lucretia Dean

from her mother
Lucretia Dean

North Woodstock Ct
May 9.5

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Miss Hannah E. Dean
Union
Conn

Woodstock Jan 25th 1852

Dear Hannah

I thought you would like to hear from us, as you say you have but little society you might wish to hear how things are going on at W.. — we are all moving about although we have been almost frozen through the severe weather. how have you got along, have you not got thoroughly chilled it seems to be moderating. I hope we shall get thawed out. I suppose you would like to know how I get along with the cold weather; I believe it has made me tough I have not enjoyed so good a state of health since I was sick as I have been this winter; I can go through with a good share of housework without injury, by being rather careful I have been to meeting three times since I have been here which is all the going out which I have done except going to see Mrs Tucker who is now very sick and tis not expected she can live but a short time her disease is very singular vomiting and ~~dis~~ discharges of blood. Mr William Skinner died a week ago last thursday. was sick but a few days — Lucy Tucker died two weeks ago last friday Doct Witter is very feeble is confined to his room has a very hard cough and other difficulties I suppose his case is consid rather doubtful. Mrs Ingals son has been very sick since he returned from California, his mother is with him and I believe he is rather better. they did not get to Ellington before the young lad was so sick that they had to stop among strangers in the edge of Hampton. It is said that Mr Ingals has brought home thirty pounds of gold, so I suppose he will be able to provide for his family. I suppose Ezra told you about Mr Taylors sickness, he was taken the sabbath morning after I came here, with epileptic fits he had a hard fit that morning alone, in his chamber when he came out of it he came down but did not seem to know but little. Monday evening he had three more fits, he was taken when there was no one in the house but Louisa and myself. We sent for Doct. Marcy as Doct Witter was sick, he bled him powerfully and gave medicine, but he had another light turn tuesday night. he was very anxious to go home and the Doct thought he might go with safety so they got Amasa Walker to go with him friday and he got home safely. Louisa received a letter from his sister for 10 days after he went home stating that he remained comfortable had some symptoms of fits but had not had any real fits Doct Marcy thought he appeared very much predisposed to fits but thought they might be brought on at that time by getting chilled as he had been out almost every day the week before and it was very cold and by over-loading his stomach we hope to hear again soon from him. I have had no letter from the West yet I begin to feel quite anxious to hear them

Louisa is gone to watch with Mrs Tucker tonight she has had a very bad cold and cough ever since I came here it appears now rather to be wearing off she says she should like to come and see you and will if she can have an opportunity, but there is not much chance for her to get out, the horses are in constant service, when the weather is such that any body can move. the roads are badly drifted in many places so that the sleighing is not very pleasant. Mr Chandler and Mary will be married probably in a week or two and move in with Mr Edward Phipps, I did not hear any thing about it till that week you wrote to me and then I could not believe it, (I cant but hope it is all for the best Mrs Hobbs is gone to Sturbridge for a visit. Abby has had a very bad cold and was quite sick last week but I heard last night she was better. Mr Hine was installed the second week in January one of the stormiest evenings there has been this winter. but few could attend not all the councils were able to get there. Next thursday eve there is to be a great ball at the Village hall I presume there will be a fuller attendance than there is at evening meetings. Give my respects to Mrs Spaulding, and any one else who may take pains to enquire after me. You must not wonder if I have made mistakes and make a jumble of ditty for Mr Peleg Child been sitting telling stories almost ev

Since, I began my letter

your affectionate Brother L. D. Dean

H. T. Dean

N. WOO
Jan 26

Paid 3

Miss Hannah P. Dean
Pomfret Depot
Conn

Dear child, as we are soon to be separated
perhaps, never to meet again in this world, ~~&~~
I have taken this method of communicating to you
some thoughts; as my present feeling will not
permit me to address you personally. I cannot
give you a mothers blessing and bid you a formal
farewell. but I give you this as a little memorial of
a fond mothers love and solicitude.

I trust my dear L, you feel the responsibility resting
upon you, in the new relation you are now about
to assume, may the same principle which has
ever guided you in the several relations of daughter
sister teacher and friend, still continue to direct
you in the faithful discharge of the new duties
of companion and friend, to him who has chosen
you to be his bosom companion, I doubt not that the
kindness which you have ever manifested in all the
endearing family relations hitherto, will still
continue and increase, towards him to whom you
have given your best earthly affections.

May you walk together in the fear and love of God,
as heirs of his grace and glory, doing with ready
mind whatsoever your hand findeth to do in the
promotion of Christ's kingdom, in your family,
in the church, and among the people with
whom you may become connected. may you
feel that ~~that~~ the wife of a minister of the
gospel is expected to set a good example wherever

she may be placed, remember that the eye of
God is upon you, often go to him for direction
in all trials and difficulties) for in the ordinary course
of events trials and difficulties must be expected)
cast your care and burdens on the Lord, and he will
sustain you; When far away think sometimes
of the loneliness and solitude of your mother —
meet me often at the throne of Grace and
may our prayers ascend and unite before
the Lamb of God, who hath died to redeem us and
wash us from sin in his own precious blood,
and when on earth our toils and duties are ended
may we meet on the right hand of God, where
adieus and farewells are known no more.

and now dearest L I commend you and your
companion to almighty God, may his kind and
watchful care be ~~over~~ you for good through
the long and wearisome Journey which you are
about to commence, may his protecting care be over
you and carry you safely to your new and distant
home and may the blessing of ~~the~~ almighty God rest
upon you and yours forever —

and now dear L farewell when you bow at
the family altar remember your lone mother
far away; may I ever feel that I shall ~~ever~~
have a kind remembrance in your prayers
at the throne of Grace — and when time
with us shall be no more may we meet in the
heavenly canaans abode where sorrow and separation
are known no more

To Lucretia.

Dear Brother   I have got Doct Wilder to write a descrip-
tion of a lameness with which Caroline has been
troubled ~~with~~ for more than a year past, together
with the opinions of the Surgeons who have seen it
I copy the same in his own words for your perusal
In the month of Sept 1828 she began to complain
of pain and lameness in the back part of the leg
just above where the muscles unite to form the tendo
achilles; in the month of oct following she observed
some small nubs or ridges on the internal part of the
leg corresponding with the seat of pain — lameness
rather increasing, I saw it the latter part of oct advised
some washes camphorated spirits and these things
proving ineffectual I tried blistering, Tart. Emetic
plaster afterwards bandageing and wetting as the
irritants had produced some inflammation and edema
of the foot and ancle; this treatment seemed to
relieve the lameness — the swelling remained and
the latter part of Dec she could walk with more
ease the bandageing was continued through the
winter, spring and summer and was the only
treatment — there always remained some enlarge-
ment though the pain and lameness was very trifling
through the spring and summer untill July last
when it began to be more painful and some swelling
rather increased; the first of Sept, Doct Smith of
Bolton Mass being in the vicinity was requested to see
it he pronounced it to be an enlargement of the
bone, directed Iodine Ointment to be applied to the
tumour and Tinct of Iodine to be taken internally as
the system could bear. This treatment was followed
as long as was thought proper, from which however
she received no benefit. I next applied a small issue
with Caustic, which produced a sore and a
discharge and considerable swelling. it is now
[illegible] getting better.

About the middle of Oct she applied to Doct Hubbard for advice Doct Harris of Canterbury and Doct Fuller of Columbia saw it at the same time. there was considerable more swelling and hardness at that time than there was before the application of the Corros Sub

On consultation Doct's Hubbard Harris and Fuller were of opinion that the disease was Fungus ~~Hemato~~ Hematodes. they prescribed Carb Iron internally together with Decoction of Sarsaparilla Externally Saturnine application and bandageing and also other remedies as occasion seemed to require — and if the disease increased and developed itself to be of the nature they apprehended Amputation she is now following the plan proposed the swelling I think less hard than it was at the time they saw it — these Gentleman who have examined it are all men for whose skill and judgment I have very great respect still I hope the [illegible] may not prove to be Fungus Hematodes

Her general health for a year and half back has not been considered so good as formerly still she has been able to follow her occupation and thinks her health is better than it was last Summer L Lee

1859

Testament of Lucy Dean

In the name of God Amen, I Lucy Dean of Killingly, County of Windham, being advanced in years, of feeble health, but of a sound disposing mind and memory thanks to God there for, do ordain ~~these~~ this my last will and Testament, in manner and form following; Imprimis. I will that all my debts and funeral charges be paid and discharged by my Executor here in After named, — Item I give and ~~bequeath~~ demise to my well beloved neice, Cornelia Reynolds, the wife of Cyrus Reynold, all the the real Estate I now possess or may possess, at my decease, to her, her heirs, and assigns forever — Now I wish it to be understood that the above gift, is to be conditional, The Condition of the above gift is to be, that she the said Cornelia Reynold Shall live with me, and take care of me, in sickness and health upon the same terms as she has here to fore done; That is in health, I am to allow her one dollar and six cents pr week and a reasonable allowance to be made her in sickness — Item, The residue of my ~~prop~~perty of what socver name or nature, or where socver found, I give and bequeath to my well beloved nephew Leonard M. Dean of Woodstock, to him, his heirs, and assigns forever, Lastly I do make and constitute, Leonard ~~M.~~ Dean, Exector

of this my last will and testament,
In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal this first day of August, one thousand eight hundred and forty nine

Lucy Dean (Seal)

Signed sealed and declared by the said Lucy Dean, as her last will and testament, in the presence of us, who in the presence and the presence of each other have here unto subscribed our names

Witnesses
Noadiah Larned
Oren Perrin
William Clapp

Windham County, S.S. Killingly Aug 1st 1849
Personally appeared before me Noadiah Larned Oren Perrin and William Clapp and made Solem Oath, that they attested the within Will, of Lucy Dean, and subscribed the same in the presence of the testatrix and [illegible] the presence of [illegible] the other two subscribing witnesses to said Will, and that they also subscribed and attested said will in the presence of the deponent, of each other, and in the presence of said testatrix and that said testatrix, at the time of the Execution of said will, was of a sound mind and memory, and signed & published said will in the presence of said deponent & other subscribing witness thereto. Before me, [illegible]
Justice of the Peace

Probate Office Killingly Jany. 15th 1880.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Will of Lucy Dean on file in this office.

Abiel Converse Judge

Will

[illegible]

Know all men by these Preſents that I Elias Keyes of Ashford in the State of Connecticut Shewmaker &c.

For and in Consideration of the Sum of Ninety Seven Pounds four Shillings Lawfull Money to me in Hand paid befour the Delivery hereof by Ezra Dean of Ashford in the County of Windham and State of Connecticut Blacksmith &c The Receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge have given, granted, bargened, sold and released; and by these Preſents Do give, grantt, bargin, sell, alienate, release, convey, and Confirm to him, the said Ezra Dean, and his Heirs and Aſsigns, about one Hundred Acres of Land in the Township of Hanove, in the State of Newhampsheair, and is all the after Divition in the undivided Land (except forty Acres) to be laid out, and drawn to original Right of Oliver Barker &c. The same I bought [illegible] Deed from John Brown of Ashford in the County of Windham, and State of Connecticut

To have and [illegible] Hold the s[illegible]anted [illegible] with the Appertanances thereof to Him, the said Ezra Dean and his Heirs and Aſsigns to their proper use, and behoof forever: hereby engageing to Warrant and Defend the said granted Primeses, aganste all Claimes Or Demands of any Perſon or Perſons Claiming by from or under Me my Heirs or Aſsigns forever

In Witness whereof I Have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 16: Day of April Anno Domini — 1779

Signed Sealed and Delivered in the preſents of us
Lewis Allen
Benjamin Coles

Elias Keyes

Windham ss Ashford April 16 1779 then personally appeared the above named Elias Keyes & ackd the foregoing instrument to be his act & deed
Before Benja Sumner Just. Peace

[illegible] Receipt of
[illegible] Brown of [illegible]
Brown [illegible] Capt
John to [illegible] Hubbard
[illegible]
[illegible]

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To all People to whom theſe Preſents ſhall come,

I Zachariah Allen of Providence, in the County of Providence and State of Rhode Island, Merchant.

ſend Greeting. KNOW YE, That I the ſaid Zachariah Allen for and in Conſideration of the Sum of Four hundred and fifty pounds lawfull money to me in Hand, before the Enſealing hereof, well and truly paid by Jemima Dean wife of Mr Ezra Dean of Killingly in the county of Windham and State of Connecticutt,

the Receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, and myself therewith fully ſatisfied, contented and paid; and thereof, and of every Part and Parcel thereof, do exonerate, acquit and diſcharge, her the ſaid Jemima Dean her Heirs, Executors and Adminiſtrators, forever by theſe Preſents: HAVE given, granted, bargained, ſold, aliened, enfeoffed, conveyed and confirmed; and by theſe Preſents do freely, fully, and abſolutely give, grant, bargain, ſell, aliene, enfeoffe, convey and confirm, unto her the ſaid Jemima Dean her Heirs and Aſſigns forever,

Two certain tracts or parcels of land, situate, lying, and being, in Killingly in the county of Windham in the State of Connecticutt, containing by estimation ninety four acres, be the same more or less, bounded as followeth, the first piece beginning on the Country road which leads from Plainfield to Boston at the north east corner of One acre of land of Simeon Lee, thence North fourteen degrees east ten rods, thence north, degrees and an half east sixty three rods, bounding on said road to the corner of the wall near Landlord John Felshaws dwelling house, thence West Forty two degrees North Eighteen rods to a black oak tree, thence North eighteen links of the chain, thence bounding on the south side of the country road which leads from Hartford to Providence Fifty rods, to a corner of the wall, thence south, thirty two degrees west, twenty seven rods, to a corner of the wall, thence West thirty eight degrees North seventy eight rods, wanting ten links to a white Ash tree standing in the north east corner of Sampson How's land, thence bounding on said How's land by a wall as it now stands down a brook forty seven rods to a corner of Jos. Lee's land, then east twenty four degrees south, one hundred and forty six rods, wanting three links of the chain, to the south east corner of said Lee's land, thence north twenty seven degrees east, eight rods, thence east, twenty four degrees south nineteen rods to the first bound — The second Piece of land, is bounded as follows, beginning at the corner of a wall on the east side of the country road, near to a dwelling house which heretofore belonged to Asaph Wilder, thence south on said road, about sixty eight rods and seven links of the chain to a heap of stones, thence east twelve degrees south, thirty two rods and fifteen links, thence East twenty degrees North, eighteen rods to a stake and heap of stones, thence east nine degrees and an half South, thirty six rods, and eighteen links, to a stake and heap of stones, which is a corner of Sampson How's land, thence bounding on said How's land, East Forty three degrees, twenty four rods and nineteen links to a corner of Capt David Cady's land thence [illegible] said Cady's land, North thirty [illegible] west Fifty [illegible] of land belonging to the heirs of [illegible] Cutler, thence bounding on said [illegible] land by a [illegible] wall

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By me Samſon Howe Town Clerk

rly six ac [illegible]
widow Mary Cutler [illegible] the Shop, thence running North a strai
in Killingly aforesaid containing by estimation, one acre be the same
and opposite [illegible] the south east corner of my land, from the

first mentioned bounds [illegible] one other [illegible]
and is bounded as follows, beginning at a heap of stones, which is the north-
forty three degrees, and thirty [illegible] minutes North, twenty four rods

of land [illegible]
East corner of
to a heap of stones, a
bound of Capt David
Cadys land, thence East
thirty nine degrees South
by said Cadys land thirteen
rod & eleven links to a
heap of stones, thence
about West, seventeen
degrees South, to the
first mentioned bound

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the ſaid granted and barg ained Premiſes, with all the Appurtenances, Privileges and Com- modities, to the ſame belonging, or in any wiſe appertaining, to her the ſaid Jemima Dean her Heirs and Aſſigns, forever, to the and their only proper Uſe, Benefit and Behoof, forever.

And I the ſaid Zachariah Allen for myſelf, my Heirs, Executors and Adminiſtrators, do Covenant, Promiſe and Grant, to and with the ſaid Jemima Dean her Heirs and Aſſigns, that at and before the Enſealing hereof, I am the true, ſole and lawful Owner of the above-bar gained Premiſes, and am lawfully ſeized and poſſeſſed of the ſame, in my own proper Right, as a good, perfect, and abſolu te Eſtate of Inheritance, in Fee-ſimple: And have in myſelf good Right, full Power, and lawful Authority, to grant, bargain, ell, convey and confirm, the ſaid bargained Premiſes, in Manner as aforeſaid: And that the ſaid Jemima Dean her Heirs and Aſſigns, ſhall and may from Time to Time, and at all Times forever hereafter, by Force and Virtue of theſe Preſents, lawfully, peaceably and quietly Have, Hold, Uſe, Occupy, Poſſeſs and Enjo y, the ſaid demiſed and bargained Premiſes, with the Appurtenances, free and clear; and freely and clearly acquitted, exonerated and iſcharged, of and from all and all Manner of former or other Gifts, Grants, Bargains, Sales, Leaſes, Mortgages, Wills, Entails, Joint ures, Dowries, Judgments, Executions and Incumbrances, of what Name or Nature ſoever, that might in any Meaſure or Degree o ſtruct or make void this preſent Deed.

FURTHERMORE, I the ſaid Zachariah Allen for me, my Heirs, Executors and Adminiſtrato s, do Covenant and Engage the above-demiſed Premiſes to her the ſaid Jemima Dean her Heirs and Aſſigns, againſt the lawful Claims or Demands of any Perſon or Perſons w atſoever, forever to Warrant, Secure and Defen , by theſe Preſents.

Signed Sealed & Delivered
in the Presence of us..
Nathan Hawes
Nathaniel Richmond

State of Rhodeislan &c. providence
ss. in providence thi ineteenth Day of
May 1794. personally app eared the Grantor
Zachariah Allen and a knowledged the
above instrument wi h his hand and
Seal thereto affixed. to b e his Voluntary
act and Deed before me
Nath^{l} Wheaton Jus. peace

Zach^{h} Allen

[Printed by J. CARTER.]

Mr Deans Deed
from Zach^{h} Allen

ll Peophe to Whome these pre [illegible] ome Greeting
[illegible] ye that I Jemime Dean of Killingly in the County
[illegible] Windham and State of Connecticut for and in Consideration
of the Sum of Thirteen Hundred Dollars Received to my full Satisfaction
of Philip Dean of Killingly aforesaid do Give Grant Bargain Convey &
and Confirm unto him the said Phillip Dean his heirs and
Assigns for ever the one half of Two Certain tracts or Parcels
of Land With the one half of the Building thereon Standing
Situated in Said Killingly and is part of the Same Lands
Which I the Grantor Purchased of Zacariah Allen of Providence
And for the Discription or Describing the Bounds of said
Lands Reference being had to the Deed that I the Grantor
had of said Farm from sd Zacariah Allen Which Deed is Recorded
at Large in said Killingly Records for Deed in Libr 8,
Page 76 To have and to hold the above Granted and Bargained
Premises With the appurtenances thereunto belonging to him the
said Philip Dean his heirs and Assigns for ever to him and
their own Use benefit and Behoof and I the said Jemime Dean
Do for my Self my heirs Executors and Administrators Covenant
With the sd Philip Dean his heirs and Assigns that at and
Untill the Ensealing of these presents I am Well Seized of the
Premises as a Good Indefeasable Estate in fee Simple and that
I have Good right to Sell and Dispose of the Same in manner
and form as is above Written and that the Same is free
from all Incumberances Whatsoever furthermore I the said
Jemima Dean do bind my Self my heirs Executors and
Administrators firmly by these presents to Warrant & Defend
the Same (Except three acres & ninety six Rods of Land Which
I the Grantor and the sd Philip Dean Sold to William Copp
Which is Included Within sd Bounds) to him the sd Phillip Dean
his heirs and Assigns for ever against all Clames and
Demands of any Person or Persons Whatsoever in Witness
Whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this 15th Day
October 1808 Signed Sealed and Delivered
in presents of

Jemima Dean

Joseph Adams

Lydia Dean

Windham County ss Killingly October 15th 1808
Personally Appeared Jemime Dean Signer and Sealer
to the above Instrument and [illegible] ged the
Same to be her free Act

Before Jo [illegible] of Peace

Jemima Dean
Deed to her
Son Phillp. Dean

Recd. for Record
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By me
Luther Warren Town Clerk

To all People t hom theſe preſents Shall come Greeting Know ye that I Sampſon Howe of Killingly in the County of Windham and State of Connecticutt Do for and in Conſideration of the Sum of Two Hundred and forty Dollars Received to my full Satiſfaction of Phillip Dean of the Same Town & County aforesaid the Receipt Whereof I Do hereby acknowledge Do Give Grant Bargain Sell convey and Confirm unto him the said Philip Dean & to his Heirs and Aſsigns forever one Certain Tract or Parcel of Land lying and being in Killingly aforesaid Containing fifteen acres and Seventy four Rods and is Bounded as follows (viz) Begining at the End of a Stone wall a Corner of Jeſse Whipples land on the Eaſt Side of the Road thence South 34°. Eaſt Seventy Nine rods adjoining said Whipples land to a heap of Stones thence South fourteen rods to a heap of Stones a Corner of Land Belonging to Peleg Heath thence [illegible] North 73°½ Weſt Sixty Eight Rods & 17 links adjoining said Heaths land to a heap of Stones by the Road thence North 19°¼ Eaſt Sixty three rods & 10 links to the firſt mentioned Bound, To Have and to Hold the above Granted and Bargained premiſes with all the appurtenances to the Same Belonging unto him the said Philip Dean his Heirs and Aſsigns forever to his and their own proper uſe Benefitt and Behoof. furthermore I the said Sampſon Howe Do by theſe preſents Covenant with the said Philip Dean his Heirs and Aſsigns that at and untill the Enſealing of theſe preſents I am well Seized of the Premiſes as a Good Indefeaſible Eſtate in fee Simple and that I have Good Right to Bargain and Sell the Same in manner & form as is above written and I the said Sampſon Howe Do by theſe preſents Bind myself my Heirs Executors and Adminiſtrators forever to warrent & Defend said Granted and Bargained Premiſes unto him the said Philip Dean his Heirs and Aſsigns againſt all the Lawfull Claims and Demands of any Perſon or Perſons Whatsoever In Witneſs Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 10th Day of May A.D. 1813

Signed Sealed & Delivered in preſents
of Timothy Lamson
Joseph Heath

Sampſon Howe

Windham County ss. Killingly May 15th 1813
Then Perſonally Appeared Samſon Howe Esqr. Signer & Sealer to the Within Inſtrument and Acknowledged the Same to be his free act & Deed

Before me Joſeph Adams Juſtice of Peace

Samſon Howe
Deed to Philip Dean

Recd. to Record
May 15th 1813
and Recorded at
Large with Killingly
Records for Deeds in
Libro 8. folio 30 by
me Luther Warren Town Clerk

To all People to whom these Presents shall Come Greeting

Know ye that I Cyrel Dean of Killing in the County of Windham & State of Connecticut for the Consideration of Two hundred Dollars Received to my full satisfall satisfaction of Philip Dean of Killingly aforesaid Do give grant Bargain Sell Convey & Confirm unto him the said Philip Dean and unto his heirs & assigns forever the one half of a Certain tract or parcel of land with the buildings and priviledges there on lying and beings in said Killingly Containing one acre be the same more or less bound as followsth ~~[illegible]~~ begining at a heap of stones on the south side of the road in the west line of land belonging to the said Philip Dean thence north 31° west nineteen rods to a Small Elm tree adjoining the road thence west 31° South Seven Rods to stake and stones thence South 36° East twenty ~~twenty~~ & half rods and six links to a Stake stuck in said west line of said Dean's land thence to said Dean's land northerdly to the bounds first Mentiond to have and to hold the above grant and barganed Premisis with all the appertinences their to belonging to him the said Philip Dean his heirs and assigns forever ~~to~~ their own proper use benefits & behoof and I the said Cyrel Dean Do for myself my heirs Executors ~~Executors~~ and administrators Covenant with the said Philip Dean and his heirs & Assigns that at and untill the ~~ingaging~~ ensealing of these ~~things~~ presents I am well seized of the Premises as a good indefeasible estate in fe simple and will warrent and defend the same to the said Philip Dean his heirs and assigns forever with this exception that all the fence enclosing said premises is to be built and supported by the owners of said Premisis in witness ~~of~~ Whereof I have hereunto Set my ~~hand~~ and seal this 28th Day of March AD 1818

Signed Sealed and Delivered
in Presents of
Charles Dean
Joseph Adams

Cyrel Dean

Windham County ss Killingly March 31st AD 1818

Then personly Apeared Cyril Dean signed and sealed to the above instrument and acknowledged good the same to be his free act and Deed before Me —

Joseph Adams Justice of Peace

Cyrel Dean
Deed to
Philip Dean

Recd for Record
April 15th 1818

and Recorded at Large
with Killingly Records
for Deeds in Libro X folio
41 By me

Luther Warren town Clerk

To all People to Whome these Present Shall Come Greeting Know ye that I Alfred Town of Killingly in the County of Windham & State of Connecticut for the Consideration of four Hundred Dollars Receivd to my full Satisfaction by Securities of Philip Dean & Cyrel Dean of the same Town County & State afore said do by these presents Bargain Sell and Confirm unto them the said Philip Dean & Cyrel Dean and to their Heirs and Assigns forever One Certain Tract or Parcel of Land With the Building thereon Standing lying and Being in Said Killingly Containing One Acre be the same more or Less Bounded as followeth begining at heap of Stones on the South Side of the Road in the West line of Land belonging to ~~[illegible]~~ the sd Philip Dean thence North 81° West nineteen rods to a Small Elm Tree adjoining the Road thence West 31° South Seven Rods to a Stake & Stones thence South 36° East 20 Rods and Six Links to a Stake Stack in the said West line of said Deans Land thence by said Deans Land Northwardly to the Bounds first mentioned To have and to hold the above Granted and Bargained Premises With all the appertenances thereto Belonging to them the said Philip & Cyrel their Heirs and Assigns forever to their own proper Use Benifit & behoof and I the said Alfred Town doe for myself my heirs Executors & Administrators Covenant and agree to and With the said Philip Dean & Cyrel Dean and their Heirs and Assigns that at and untill the Ensealing of these Presents I am Well seized of the Premises as a Good indefeasible Estate in fee Simple and Will Warrant & Defend the Same to the sd Philip & Cyrel their Heirs Assigns forever With this Exception that all the Fence Enclosing said Premises is to be built & Supported by the Owner of sd Land in Witness Whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this 25th Day of May AD 1808

Signed Sealed & Delivered
in Presents of

Allen Dean
Joseph Adams

Alfred Town

Windham County ss, Killingly May 25th 1808
Personally Appeared Alfred Town Signer and Sealer to the above Instrument and Acknowledged the Same to be his free Act and Deed Before
Joseph Adams Justice of Peace

Alfred Towns
Deed to
Philip & Cyril Dean

Recd for Record
May 30th 1808 —
and Recorded at large
with Killingly Records
for Deeds in Libro S.
Folio 181 by me
Luther Warren Town
Clerk

Know all men by these presents That I.

I ~~Ol~~ Hobart Torry of Killingley in the County of
Windham and State of Connecticutt, for the considera-
tion of nine hundred Dollars Recd to my full satis-
faction of Oliver Torry the 2nd of said Killingley have Bargained
and sold and Do by these presents give Grant Bar-
gain sell and Convey unto him the said Oliver
the following tract or parcel of Land lying and being
situate in s'd Killingley containing by Estimation Three hundred
Acres be the same more or less and is Butted and bound-
ed as follows viz Beginning at a corner of Nicholas Smith's
heirs on the north side of the Providence road thence North-
westerly to corner of Wm Mason's & said Smith's heirs land thence
Southwesterly on Wm Mason's land To John Brown's land
thence on said Brown's land to the Providence road and
across the same thence Westerly on said Providence road
To land of Cutter & Torry thence on said Cutter and Torry's
land and on land of Wm Torry to said William Torry's cor-
ner thence Easterly on said William Torry's land to Oli-
ver Brown's land thence on said O Brown's land and land
of Azariah Cutter to ~~[illegible]~~ Five mile river thence
across said River north Easterly and on said Cutter's land
to the Providence road thence Westerly on said Provi-
dence road till it comes opposite the first mentioned
bound - thence across the Providence road to the first
~~Bound~~ Bound To have and To hold the above Bar-
gained & granted premises to him the said Oliver his
heirs and assigns forever & I hereby covenant that I am
well seized of said premises and that the same

Is free from all Incumbrances Except A certain
Mortgage deeds this Day Executed to Simon Copp
and William Torry --- The Condition of the above
Instrument is such That Whereas The said
Oliver Torry did on the 13th day of March Instant
~~last past~~ make and Execute his promissory Note payable
at the Hartford Bank, To said David Holmes for
the sum of Nine hundred Dollars which said note was
by the said Holmes and the subscriber Hobart Torry
Endorsed to said Bank & by said Bank Discounted to the
said Endorsers for the use and Benefit of the subscriber
Hobart Torry and whereas it is the proper debt and
Duty of the subscriber Hobart Torry to pay the
said note to the said Bank and save the said Oliver
Harmless therefrom Now then if the said Hobart
shall well and truly pay and Discharge the
said Note at the said Bank and at all times save
the said Oliver harmless therefrom then and in
That case the above Instrument is to be null
and Void otherwise to Remain in full force
and Virtue Dated at Killingly this 25th day of
March AD 1816 Signed Sealed & delivered in
Presence of —

Hobart Torry

Thomas Dike
Philip Dean

Windham ss Killingley March 25 1816 then personally appeared Col. Hobart Torry the signer of this Instrument & acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed Before me George Larned Justice of the Peace

Know all men by these presents That I Oliver Torry 2d of Killingley in the State of Connecticutt have Assigned & set over and do by these presents fully Assign alien & set over for the consideration of Nine hundred Dollars to me paid in hand by Philip Dean Azariah Cutler Jesse Whipple and Elisha Howe unto them the said Philip Azariah Jesse & Elisha all my Estate right title & Interest In and unto the within Mentioned & described premises & In & unto all the Benefits Intended to be secured to me by the Conditions of the within ~~said~~ Mortgage Deed To all of Which I am now Entitled from said Hobart Torry, and do authorize and Empower said assignees To have and Recover all the such sums of Money as I am or may be Entitled To by virtue of the conditions of said Deed

Dated at Killingley this 22 day of June 1816

George Larned
attest Simon Davis

Oliver Torry 2d

Windm Co Thompson June 22 1816 then appeared Oliver Torry 2d above named & acknowledged this assignment to be his free act & deed before me George Larned Justice of peace

Oliver Torrey
Deed from
Hobart Torrey

Recd. for Record
March 26th. 1816
and Recorded at Large
With Killingly Records
for Deeds in Libro W. folio
117 By me
Luther Warren Town Clerk

Recd. for Record
June 22d. 1816
and Recorded at Large
With Killingly Records for
Deeds in Libro W. folio 134
By me
Luther Warren Town Clerk

To all people to whome these presents shall Come
Greeting Know ye that I Cyrel Dean of Killingly
in the County of Windham and State of Connecticut
do for and in Consideration for the sum of [illegible]
[illegible] Dollars received to my full satisfaction of Phillip
Dean of Killingly afore said in said Windham County
do Give grant, bargain, sell, Convey, and Confirm unto
him the said Phillip Dean and unto his heirs and Assigns
forever the one half of two certain tracts of Land with
one half of the Buildings theron Standing lying and being
in Killingly aforesaid, both as to quality and quantity
Said tracts Containe in the whole Ninety four Acres by
estimation be the same more or less and they Contain
the same lands which the ~~[illegible]~~ Jemima Dean [illegible]
of Zachariah Dean of Providence by deed bearing date
May May 19th D 1794 and which deed is recorded at
Large within Killingly records for deeds in Liber C page
reference being had to said records for a more full description
of the bounds of said tracts of Lands — —
To have and to hold — the above granted and bargained
premises with the Appurtenances thereunto belonging to
him the said Phillip Dean his heirs and assigns forever to
his and their own proper use benefit and behoof and I the
said Cyrel Dean do for myself my heirs Executors and Admin
istrators Covenant with the said Phillip Dean, his heirs
and assigns, that at and until the ensealing of these
presents I am well sized of the premises as a good and [illegible]
estate in fee simple and that I have good right to bargain
and sell the same in manner and form as is above written
and that the same is free and Clear of all Incumbrances
whatsoever — furthermore I the said Cyrel Dean do by these
presents bind myself my heirs ~~[illegible]~~ Executors & Administrators
to warrant and defend said Granted and bargained premises to
him the said Phillip Dean his heirs and Assigns forever against
the lawfull claims and demands of any person or persons whatsoever [illegible]
In witness [illegible] hereunto set my hand and seal this [illegible]
Signed sealed and delivered in presence of

Joseph Adams
Hannah Dean

Cyrel Dean

Windham County ss. Killingly April 9th AD 1808 Personally Appeared Cyril Dean Signer and Sealer to the within Instrument and Acknowledged the same to be his free act and Deed Before Joseph Adams Justice of Peace

Cyril Dean Deed
to Philip Dean
Recd. for Record
May the 18th 1808
and Recorded at
Large with Killingly
Records for Deeds in
Libro S: Folio 177
by me
Luther Warren Town Clk

To all People to Whom these Presents Shall come Greeting
Know ye that I Jemime Dean of Killingly in the County
of Windham & State of Connecticut For the Consideration of
One Thousand Dollars Received to my full Satisfaction of
Philip Dean of Killingly afore said Do Give Grant Bargain
Sell convey & Confirm unto him the said Philip Dean &
Unto his Heirs and Assigns forever One Certain Tract or
Parcel of Land lying & being in Killingly afore said Contain
ing Ninetyfive Acres be the Same more or Less and is
Bounded as followeth (viz) Begining at a heap of Stones the
Northeast Corner of Luther & Calvin Warrens Land thence
South 42d W. about One Hundred & forty rods bounding by said
Warrens Land and Land of Jesse Whipple to a heap of stones thence
Southeasterly bounding by said Whipples Land about Sixty two
Rods to a heap of Stones thence North 46.d 30m East One Hundred
and Seventy one rods by said Whipples Land to the Corner of the
Wall thence Northwest Twenty two Rods to a marked Stone, thence
North by said Whipples Land Eighty Rods to a Pine Stump a
Corner of ~~[illegible]~~ Benjamin Arnold Land, thence
Southwesterly to the Bounds first mentioned - To Have & to hold
the above Granted & Bargained Premises With all the Appurtenances
there unto belonging unto ~~Him~~ him the said Philip Dean and unto his
His Heirs & Assigns forever to his own proper use Benefitt &
Behoof forever and I the said Jemime Dean Do for my Self my
Heirs Executors and Administrators Covenant With the said
Philip Dean & his Heirs and Assigns that at and untill the
Ensealing of these Presents I am Well Seized of the Premises
as a Good Indefeasible Estate in fee Simple & that the same
is free & Clear of all Incumbrances Whatsoever Furthermore
I the said Jemime Dean Do by these presents Bind myselfe my
Heirs Executors and Administrators forever to Warrant Secure
and Defend said Granted & Bargained premises unto him the
said Philip Dean and unto his Heirs & Assigns against all the
Lawfull Claims & Demands of any Person or Persons Whatsoever
in Witness Whereof I have hereunto Set my Hand & Seal this
2th Day of July A.D. 1804 Signed Sealed and Delivered in
Presents of us,

Jemima Dean

Richard Hayward
Joseph Adams

Windham ss. Killingly July 2th AD 1804
then Personally Appeared Jemime Dean Signer & Sealer
to the Above Instrument and Acknowledged the same
to be her free act and Deed Before me

Joseph Adams Justice of Peace

Jemime Dean
Deed to her son
Philip Dean

Killingly July the 9th A.D. 1804 Received For Record and Recorded at Large with Killingly Records for Deeds in Libro. R. page 182 by Me
Luther Warren Town Clerk

To all People to Whome these Presents shall come Greeting
Know ye that I Jemima Dean of Killingly in Windham
County and State of Connecticut for the Consideration of sixty
Dollars already Received to my full Satisfaction of Philip
Dean of said Killingly in the County aforesaid do Give Grant
Bargain Sell and Confirm unto the said Philip Dean his heirs
and assigns forever a Certain tract or Parcel of Land Lying
in Thompson in said County of Windham aforesaid
Containing about four acres & sixty three Rods and bounded
as followeth (viz) beginning at a Stake in the Ditch the South
Corner of Ebenezer Gays Land, thence E. 44° 10m South 38 Rods
by said Gays Land to a Stake & Stones in sd Gays line thence
East 24° 20m South 13 Rods & 7 links to a Stake and Stones, thence
West 6° 30m South 14 Rods and 12 links to a Stake & Stones thence
West 40° 30m North 8 Rods & 7 Links to a Stake and Stones thence
North 36° W. 8 Rods & 10 links to a Stake and Stones in Joseph
Browns Line thence N. 25° East 24 Rods and 7 links by sd Browns
Land to the first mentioned Bounds
To have and to hold the above Granted and bargained
Premises with the appurtenances thereof (excepting the Rails in
the line) unto him the said Philip Dean his heirs and Assigns
forever to his and their own proper use and behoof and also
I the said Jemima Dean do for her self her heirs Executors and
Administrators covenant with the sd Philip Dean his heirs
and assigns that at and untill the ensealing of these Presents
I am well Seized of the Premises as a good Indefeasible Estate in
Fee Simple and have good Right to bargain & Sell the Same in
Manner and form as is above written and that the Same is
free of all Incumbrances Whatsoever and furthermore I the
said Jemima Dean do By these Present bind my Self my Heirs
forever to Warrant and Defend the above Granted & bargained
Premises to him the sd Philip Dean his Heirs and assigns
Against all Claims & Demands Whatsoever In Witness
Whereof I have hereunto Set my hand & Seal this 9th
Day of April A D 1808

Jemima Dean

Signed Sealed and Delivered
in Presents of
Joseph Adams
Hannah Dean

Windham County ss. Killingly April 9th 1807
Personally Appeared Mrs Jemima Dean Signer and
Sealer to the within Instrument and Acknowledged
the same to be his free act and Deed

Before Joseph Adams Justice of Peace

Thompson August 23d AD 1811

Recd for record and was then recorded at large in the
records of Deeds for sd town Libro E. page 316

Nathl Mills Regr

Jemima Dean
Deed to her son
Phillip Dean

1/-

Affidavit Carried 17

WARRANTEE DEED. Printed and sold at the Transcript Office, Danielsonville, Ct.

To all People to whom these Presents shall come:--GREETING

Know Ye, THAT I Benjamin Mitchell of Putnam in Windham County, State of Connecticut

for the consideration of Nine Dollars

received to my full satisfaction of Ezra Dean of Woodstock in said County

Do give, grant, bargain, sell and confirm unto the said Ezra Dean and to him and to his heirs and assigns forever, the East half of Lot No 77 in the Putnam Cemetery, situated in said Putnam, being twenty feet long and ten feet wide. With all the privileges and appurtenances granted to me by deed from Chandler A. Spalding dated Jan. 10th 1859 and Recorded in Putnam Records of Deeds Vol 1st Page 247 to which reference may be had

To have and to hold the above granted and bargained premises, with the appurtenances thereof, unto him the said Grantee his heirs and assigns forever, to his and their own proper use and behoof. And also, I, the said Grantor do for my self & my heirs, executors, and administrators, covenant with the said Grantee his heirs and assigns, that at and until the ensealing of these presents I am well seized of the premises, as a good indefeasible estate in fee-simple, and have good right to bargain and sell the same in manner and form as is above written, and that the same is free from all incumbrances whatsoever.

And furthermore, I the said Grantor do, by these presents, bind my self and my heirs forever to WARRANT and DEFEND the above granted and bargained premises to him the said Grantee his heirs and assigns, against all claims and demands whatsoever.

INTER. REVENUE FIFTY CENTS 50 50 B. M. May 11 1865

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 11th day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-five

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of

[illegible]

[illegible]

Benjamin Mitchell

State of Connecticut, }
County of Windham } ss. Putnam May 11th 1865

PERSONALLY APPEARED, Benjamin Mitchell signer and sealer of the foregoing instrument, and acknowledge the same to be his free act and deed before me.

[illegible]

[illegible] Clerk

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Left for Record
Jan 3rd 1867
Recorded in Putnam
Records of Deeds Vol 3rd
Page 521 –
Attest James W. Manning
Town Clerk

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Lamoille Bureau Co Ill
March 21st 1862.

Dear Mary

Mother said I might answer your letter if I wanted to, because she would have to write when she sent your sacque. It is real lonesome here without you. We miss you very much. I got a letter from Aunt Hannah last night. I guess she did not know you was at Dover when she wrote. Harriet she has not come back yet & we have not had any washing done since you went away. We had a real good time at Dr. Avery's while Mother & Father were gone. Jennie did not go home till Sunday. She and Fannie were up to our house Saturday and we had a real good

It is Friday in school but I am writing this in the evening. I did not [illegible] [illegible] father had written it till I got home from school tonight. It is time for me to go to bed now & I must close. Give my love to Mrs. D. & the girls.

[illegible]

time. We got supper with our little tea set. Fannie says I must give you her love & she wants you to write to her. Father got a letter from Aunt Caroline a day or two ago, but there was not anything in it for any of us in particular. She said Jennie had commenced a letter for you, but she did not wait for it because she had another letter to put in for father that was sent to Sycamore.

I should like to see Miss Taylor very much. Give my love to her when you see her. Our new shoes are done and they are as big in proportion, I guess as yours. Mine are about half an inch too long for me. How are you getting along in school? I am getting along first rate. The school closes tomorrow. It is examination day today and tomorrow. Tomorrow evening we are going to have declamations and a paper &c.. I should like very much to come & see you in vacation and perhaps I shall. Father said yesterday, when Charlie Dickinson went down to Dover, that if it had been vacation we could have gone with him, but it was not, so we could not go. Did you send a programme of the concert to Jennie Harrington? If you did, did you mark it where it said "Misses Gore & Blood" so they would know it was *me*? The reason Clarie did not go to the concert was because the Dr. would not let her. I suppose he did not want her out as late as she was the night before. Nannie joggled me a little while ago, & made me make that black mark above "reason." Mr. Carpenter's folks have moved to Mendota, all but

Mrs. Carpenter, the babies and Hattie who are staying at Dr. Daniel Jones' till they get settled some at Mendota. Aunt Hannah said that you & I had better write to Uncle Ezra and Cousin Abby & I am going to in the vacation. When you write again please direct it to me. I cant think of any thing more to write now. Father, mother, Anna & myself send love.

From your affectionate sister.

Carrie.

P.S.

Anna says I must write more for her than just giving her love. She says when school is out she is going to write to you. I got a letter from Mr. Kendall in [illegible]. He sent me his photograph. He sent you his love & said he got your letter a few days ago

and he would answer it soon. Mrs. Carpenter went to Mendota this afternoon. I wrote all of this except the

P.S. [illegible] I was in school but I am writing this in the

⑥ 361 Washington St.

Boston. June 14/88-

Dear Mary-

Your letter received this morning- I long to start at once for Illinois - or be ready to when I hear from you again - Not that I could do Dean any good - but if it would be any comfort-

to you - it would be a
great satisfaction to me -
I hope he will not
suffer long -
If he is better and
conscious when you get
this give him a kiss
and tell him his aunty
would like to see him.
My vacation time
as been put at July
23rd two weeks - and I
had expected to spend it

with Aunt Pamelia -
altho' the Summer months
have been divided up
between the different clubs
I presume I could go
this month - and it
seems to me now as if
I must go -

Affectionately -

Anna -

East Woodstock Aug. 10th
11
1864

My Dear Sister

I recieved your kind letter a long time a long time ago. But I did not get into a mode for writing to any one until to day. I have writen a letter to Lucy Frary & Eliza Jones to day Eliza got the start of me I got a letter from her yesterday I have writen two letters to Lucy Frary and got one from her the day I got yours. But I suppose that dont come up to your and Ett Frary's corresponding does it. Mr Hammond (one of Uncle Ezra's clerks) gave me a puzzle ~~out~~ made of blocks and a key to it you will see it when you and I and the rest get home. I am writing in Uncle Ezra's office now. I told Mr Mason (anothers of " " clerks and Cousin Abby's brother in law) I was going to tell you where I was writing, and he said I must tell you who gave me permission to write here and what I was writing about, I like here very much both country & people Cousin Abby has told me about you when you was here 4 year ago how you used to cut up and talk. I had a very nice time at Boston and Worcester Boston is quite a large city I think I did not go up on top of the monument but I went to it we went to the navy yard I saw some very large ships and cannons and cannon balls 2 times as large as your head some of them were painted red and they looked pretty fierce. Then we came to Worcester I found on cousin a little boy 3 or 4 years old is name is Howell Robert Griffin It was rainy most of the time we were the There so he had me play with him all day he is about as rough as Bertie F Taylor was, I think he looks just like him too, Aunt Julia is a little woman about as big as Carrie only a little shorter and Aunt Emma is about as tall as I am they (Aunt Julia especialy) look so funny walking around with long dresses on. Mr Hammond weighed me yesterday and I weighed 114 pounds dont you think I have good living Do you call Lizzie Bailey your cousin or any of the rest of them I cant think of any more to write now I will write sooner next time if you will. Be a good girl So good bye from

your aff—— sister

Anna Love

Dear [illegible]

[illegible] would [illegible] in [illegible]. I [illegible] think of [illegible] to write [illegible] I will [illegible] a [illegible]. I should like very much to come and see [illegible] I think she must have [illegible] say. I am glad that you are enjoying yourself [illegible] I had a [illegible] time in Boston what little time ~~we~~ we staid there. We went to the State House and [illegible] around a little on [illegible]. We got to Worcester Tuesday afternoon and staid there ~~till~~ till Friday even and about half-a-head taller than [illegible] I have not room to write any more so I guess I will close and send my love to Aunt Hannah. From your [illegible] were here in the evening. Mrs. P. said the girls were very sorry they could not come when your class were here. but she and Carrie were away. They send love to you, and Mrs. Wells also.

Your loving Mother,

Lamoille, Dec. 13. 1865.

Dear Mary

Two days ago I sent you a letter containing a draft of $62.50 to pay your last half years board & tuition. Yesterday I received yours in which you suggest that I send you two or three more. It is too late to send you any more in that draft & you will get to the Seminary I presume all safe to day & I shall want to hear about your money matters as soon as you can write & I will arrange for the future as seems to be best. If you do not get the draft, let me know as soon as you get this. It may be lost on the way; but I presume not, as letters go so regularly & so safely. In my last I asked a few questions about your pecuniary affairs & your accounts with Uncle Ezra, which I presume you will answer. We had a letter from him last night in which he says you are having a good time & that they may start for the West about next Monday the 18th of Dec.

Yesterday was the first cold day we have had, there is no snow & I think it will moderate in a day or two.

Monday morning I rode over into the neighborhood of Mr Phillips & came back last night, having spent the night at Mrs Dickinson's. I called at Mr Beaty's, Mr Snodgrass, Mr Kennedy's, Mr Englehart's Mr James Dunbar's. E. Edwards, Mr Knight's, Mrs Chapman, who now lives over there & brother George who works for Abm Edwards, Mr R. Ward's Mr Crawford's, Mr Bassett's, & Mr Dearth's. I visited Maria Edwards's school where you taught; she has 20 scholars. I also visited Miss Tewksbury's school near Phil's Stewards who has 13 scholars only. Both schools appear well governed & the scholars are learning.

Your mother will finish.

Dear Mary,

Anna wrote you that we had moved into the study for our sleeping room. It looks very nice. I have mended the carpet that was in our room up stairs and put it down there. I am going to put the old hemp carpet on the kitchen floor. I shall fit up your room as well as I can for Pamelia Mason. I did not know she thought of coming until your aunt Hannah wrote me. I think we can make them all comfortable, and we shall be very glad to see them and hope nothing will occur to prevent their coming. It would indeed be very pleasant to have you at home while they are here, but I am glad you have had a pleasant visit with them at their own home.

Anna has written you where we spent Thanksgiving. We had a very pleasant time indeed. I told Julia Avery the other day about her cousin. She did not know she was at Mt. Holyoke, not having heard from her for some time. How happened you to find out she was Julia's cousin?

Julia sent love to you and would be happy to hear from you. Mr ~~Bott~~ Booth and wife were here to the donation visit in the afternoon, and seemed to enjoy it. Mr Pollok and family

Boston Augt. 27th/64

Rev D. Gore

In reply to yours. I have to say that I'm afraid that these symptoms are ominous of no good, that they are but the forerunners of more serious results, and that in spite of our best directed efforts our little patients cannot probably survive long.

You asked me in regard to the journey west under the circumstances I would not advise the attempt —

In regard to the bowels I would advise a table spoonful of Lime water to be taken in some milk 3 times a day - and if very

had occasionally a dose
of paregoric When she is
able to inhale let her go
on with No. 2, we will
not cease to do all we
can for her, but I felt
it my duty to speak thus
plainly in regard to the case

With best wishes and
tender sympathy
I am Resp'ly Yours
C. H. Dillenback
3 Bulfinch St.

East Woodstock, Conn,
August 12, 1864.

Dear Mary

In order to hear from you oftener I will not wait till you answer our last. Yesterday we all, except Carrie, went to East Putnam to see a Mrs Reynolds, your uncle Leonard & aunt Louisa went with us. Your mother will write soon more particularly to your aunt Hannah about her & her family.

Carrie has been troubled for 5 or 6 days with a bowel complaint. The weather is very hot & dry. And several are suffering in the same way.

On this account she did not go to East Putnam with us; but remained with cousin Abby. We think she has grown weaker in the past week than she has been before. Dr. Witter has seen her twice, but he has not yet checked this new difficulty, though we are hoping he will. Her cough is not quite as bad as it was; but we do not know whether it is owing to Dr Dillenbeck's medicine or to the opium to check the diarrhea. It would be unfavorable, as weak as she now is, to have this last disease run for a long time. We trust however to gain the mastery over it before long.

Things in regard to Carrie have not taken so favorable a turn for the last few weeks as we had hoped they would. We are still entertaining many hopes of her full recovery to health. At the same time we have many anxieties about her, & some fears as to the result. If all things, in the kind providence of God, should work well, she will yet rise above this weakness; but if the medicine is ineffectual, we may see her grow weaker & weaker. Her pulse is over 100 in a minute & there is the same paleness as ever. She usually sits up all day & sleeps well at night.

We are endeavoring, as far as we can, without discouraging her as to getting well, to talk with her on religion & to pray with her & for her. I hope you, dear Mary, will carry her case to the Savior in prayer not only daily but hourly. While we purpose as ever to do all we can for her recovery, we do not now know God's intention ~~is~~ in her case. It is well to be hopeful, cheerfull & confiding; and also to be ready for affliction if he sends it upon us.

Carrie sends much love to you & aunt Hannah.

Your mother will write some to go with this.

Truly your affectionate father
Darius Gore.

We can find no slippers & those in the house will not pay the cost; you can get along without, though they would be convenient.

Lamoille. Oct. 20. 1865.

Dear Mary,

We received your last on Tuesday. And you received mine of Monday last night probably. Glad to hear that you are better & if your appetite continues good I presume you will be as well as usual soon & perhaps better than you have usually been. We shall send the box today or tomorrow. Your mother is fixing some things for you & when she gets all ready we shall start it off. You can begin to look for it in a few days after you get this.

Esther sells us her breakfast-shawl & is to get another when a new supply comes

The box will start Saturday.
from Chicago. She says she has only got it fitted by a five days' wear. She sends you a 3 bladed knife as a present. You will find 2 sheets, 1 table spread, ¼ Ream Note paper, 4 or 5 quires blue & white paper, 100 envelopes, ½ lb ginger, salt, red peppers, sage, sugar, tea for sickness, your old sacque, your old Nubia colored, sponge, a new hoop skirt, white because there were none colored at the store, 1 box pills, crackers & cookies to fill spaces, &c. &c.

You can use a little of one of the red peppers for a cold or make you some sage tea, or common tea, or ginger tea. I hope you will be so well as not to need any thing. But if you have chilly times as you did before, warm yourself up + take pills according to directions. In your walks take care not to expose your neck + throat to the frosts + winds.

We are glad you are so well situated + when your turn is to go out to sleep (away from fire perhaps) dry + heat your feet by your own stove before you go. You will sleep better + be less liable to take cold to do this always in cold weather even in your own room.

A few questions. What part of Cicero did you read? How many lines a day? Did you parse much? Was your pronunciation defective? How fast do you go in Algebra? Did you find it difficult to catch up after your sickness? How many are in your history class! Name of your history teacher? Name of Algebra teacher?

When new Catalogues are got out, you may get a dollar's worth or so. You may pay the Express charges, as I want all the money I can get for other uses just now. Six weeks from now you will be in East Woodstock probably. How much money have you now? How much more shall you want before vacation? Tell me often how you stand as to money. I will write to your uncle Ezra as you may need from time to time, till I have money to spare.

I hope you may prosper in your studies & especially in your compositions & bible exercises. I hope you will prosper as a young Christian who has good privileges & good associates.

All well & send much love.
From your affectionate father.
Darius Gore.

does not feel as well on that account,
⑫ All send love Your aff. brother L. M. Loe
to you

Macomb Feb. 13. 1866.

Dear Mary

A letter from Anna last night informs us that there is a letter at home from you. As we cannot see that letter for two days or more, yet I will write a few lines to you tonight presuming you are all right & well. We are well & getting along nicely in our visit. Anna wrote you from home at the time she wrote us so we need not tell you any thing about Lamoille. We reached Macomb safely Thursday evening last & found our friends all well & looking for us. A cheerful fire & a good supper were first in order.

I preached twice for Mr Nesbit on the sabbath; & I am resting now most of the time, reading some & writing some. We are expecting to go home this week Friday. & to be there before you get this from us. Mr Baily will go to the Post-Office soon when we may get a letter from you according to my suggestion directed to your aunt Hannah. A good many persons have called in to see us & they all inquire after you. It seems you formed the acquaintance of a good many in Macomb a year ago last summer. The people seem cordial & friendly. Aunt Hannah is pleasantly situated & all Mr Bailey's family friends are well,

Aunt Hannah says tell May Miller Chambers is married to Miss

Aunt Hannah says Ell Hay Miller & Coleman boys is married to Miss Stockwell, and he thought he was married

Your uncle Ezra took cold on the way down here from Louisville & he is not as well now as he was in Louisville. I presume he will soon be as well as he was ten days ago. He gained perceptibly while at our house, but as yet he has made no improvement since he came to Macomb. They will stay here a week or two after we go home. Then they expect to go to Dundee, Ill. where your aunt Pamelia has cousins. Your uncle thinks he must get home by the last of March. And this reminds me that on the 30th of March your next vacation begins. I think I am correct but may not be exactly as to the day. About

6 weeks more & this term ends if I am not mistaken. How are you getting along this series? The spring vacation is near at hand. I shall be glad when we hear you are through your studies so good up to the end of this term. It will be pleasant to finish up Euclid, Latin &c. &c. for the course.

Dear Mary, Your father has left a little space for me to fill. I suppose you have not expected to hear much from me since our friends have been with us. You can imagine how busy I was, but I got along nicely, and found Hattie very helpful. When we get home if we are well I shall write you a long letter. The ladies have just been in to Mrs Bailey's a few minutes. Mrs. [illegible] is well, and has a very pretty babe. She is a fat little thing, and looks like the other children. We are invited to tea there to-morrow. It has been [illegible] of the time [illegible] and I think your uncle Ezra

Lamoille June 13. 1866.

Dear Mary;

Yours of last Wednesday came to us on Monday of this week. We hope you have got rid of your cold ere this. We are glad you enjoy your studies so much this term. And we were particularly gratified with your standing in scholarship & deportment; & we hope you will be able to maintain that high position till graduation.

Inclosed you will find $10 to aid you in coming home. I will write again soon. Your mother will write the rest this morning.

From your affectionate father
Darius Gore

Dear Mary

I can write only a few lines this morning, for you know we are necessarily very busy this week preparing for our contemplated visit to Sycamore next week. I noticed in one of your late letters a mistake in orthography, which I thought I would correct, lest the error should be discovered by some one less ready to apologize for it. A book for pressing flowers is a *herbarium*, not ~~an~~ *hyberion*. The word philosophy is spelled with an i instead of a y in the first syllable. Look these words out in your dictionary, and that will fix the orthography in your mind.

In regard to your clothing and other things to be left at the Seminary during vacation, as you suggest. They should be left in such a way that they could be sent for if necessary. Your bedding could of course all be left. Some of your clothing is probably too much worn to be longer serviceable to you there. Such you will of course wish to bring home.

You will not need your Gymnastic dress at home, and it probably does not need repairing.

But I need not particularize. Your own judgment must guide you. You will need to exercise care in packing those you leave as well as those you bring home, and try and not forget any thing you will want, or leave any thing in an improper condition.

Your uncle

says in a letter we rec'd this week
that Cornelia Mason is quite feeble
and they are afraid she is running
down. She is confined to her room
and a good deal of the time to
her bed and is losing flesh. This
keeps her aunt Pamelia from recovering
from her lameness as rapidly
as she otherwise might. I regret
very much to hear this. I fear they have
another season of sickness in prospect.
Your uncle's health is much
better. But I must close.

Anna says she doesn't have
time to write. but I guess she
will find some.

Your aff. mother
L. M. Coe

P.S. We shall want to hear from you at Sycamore. Please write to your aunt Caroline a general letter for us all about next Monday. If rain hinders our going, she will get the letter. We will write also at home or at Sycamore to you as the case may be. We expect to go next Monday morning.

Sycamore June 25. 1860.

Dear Mary

Here we are on a most pleasant visit. We reached this place one week ago today at 5 o'clock P.M. Dea West met us at Cortland & brought us to your aunt Caroline's in his carriage. We have been on the move ever since making two visits a day beside some calls. Ar & his Aunt invited a great many of our old friends to tea and strawberries one afternoon. Mr Cooke did the same.

Your letter came to your aunt last week containing the account of your excursion to Monadnock on 1st Jun. I am glad you have made that excursion. Though I never was on Mt Tom, I suppose there is no much difference between that view & the one from Mt Holyoke. It is well for you to improve occasionally such an opportunity to see the charms of Nature. It is a desirable part of your education. Such excursions cannot be taken in the West to such Mountains.

In two different letters just before I left home I sent you $10 making $20 in all. I trust you have received them both & will acknowledge the receipt of the money as soon as you can in a letter to us at [illegible]. We expect to go home Friday or Saturday of this week. This is our plan unless it should storm very severely.

Anna enjoys this visit to perfection & she is finding a great many of her old associates. Last Saturday from 10 o'clock A.M. till 4 P.M. the Cong. S. School had a picnic in Roswell Dow's grove a mile North of Sycamore. About a 100 persons were present.

Yesterday I preached all day, that is, morning & evening. I am a little tired as it was a hot day. All my old friends were out & some from other denominations. The day after we got here the new Methodist Church was dedicated in this town; all the exercises we attended.

As we hope to see you

in 2 weeks, I will reserve many particulars till I can tell you of them which is so much better than writing.

I learn that a Rail Road Bridge has lately been completed over the Hudson at Albany. If you can take the train at Springfield Thursday afternoon you will cross the River in the night probably without any change of cars. I rather think there will be no delay there but you will come right on to the Suspension Bridge. I hope you can get to Wyandotte at 9 o'clock Saturday night. But if you cannot do that, you can stop in Chicago or in Detroit as the case may be.

Your mother is busy washing out a few collars &c All send Love. From your affectionate father,

Darius Gore

La Harpe. May 23, 1872

Dear Mary

Your note from Petersham came to me today. I will send a few lines to Macomb to meet you there if a kind providence prospers you.

I have been in a measure raised from my dangerous sickness & I preached once last sabbath. I am weak but gaining. Still taking medicine, but feel better & better each week.

I am glad you are going to see Anna first. I want you to spend the first half of the time from now to your marriage in Macomb & the last half in La Harpe. You know your own plans as to the time when your wedding day is to be. Write me when you will come to see us. If you are to be married soon, I shall not come to Macomb to see you. But if you are to wait till July I may come once.

Remember & spend half of the intervening period here after you spend the first half over there. I shall want to hear of your safe arrival as soon as you come.

Your mother & I join in love to you, aunt H & Anna.

From your af. father
Darius Gore.

Resolutions of respect adopted at the meeting of the Quincy Association held in Summer Hill Oct 7-9 1873 and communicated to the Congregational Church at La Harpe Ill, Nov, 3d/73

Since the last meeting of our Association it has pleased a kind and wise Providence to remove by death one of our most beloved and respected members, Rev. Darius Gore, pastor of the Church at La Harpe Ill,

Therefore Resolved 1st That the Quincy Association extend to the widow and family of our deceased brother.. its sympathy and condolence in their affliction, We are happy in being able to assure them of the high esteem in which brother Gore was held. He will be remembered as a faithful and devoted minister, a man of attainments in scholarship, and of a beautiful and delightful spirit as a Christian,

Resolved, 2nd That we extend to the Church at La Harpe our Christian sympathy and fellowship in the loss of its pastor, when his services were so efficient, faithful and full of promise for the future,

Chas. E. Marsh
Stated Clerk Quincy Assocn. Ill.

GORE.

Dr. F. H. Bliss. Administrator of Estate Darius Gore Deceased. Cr.

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Justification by faith.

Romans 3:28.

"Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without t deeds of t Law."

How can man be just before G? is an old & an important question. It has been often asked by heathen, Jew & Christian. No satisfactory answer has ever been given, except t method of justification found in t gospel. Man has however sought justification in various ways. The heathen expects it by t immolation of victims on t altar, or by t sacrifice of himself or his children. The Jew expected it from his perfect observance of 1 law. The papist from acts of penance & a mortification of 1 body. But 1 christian, leaving all these out of sight, turns his attention to *one*, who has made a sacrifice for him, a complete atonement. Upon this *one* he casts himself in 1 exercise of penitence for his sins & of confidence in 1 character & merits of th one. This act of a man in casting himself upon C is called faith by wh a man is justified.

Previous to this act, a person must be deeply impressed with these things:—

1. That he is now in a state of condemnation. — Until he feels this he will not be very anxious about reconciliation. If you would persuade an individual to send for a physician, you must first convince him th he is sick. He must feel 1 need, before he will apply 1 remedy. So until he is fully assured of 1 reality of 1 wrath of G resting upon him, he will conceal himself under a refuge of lies. And here is one difficulty. Such is 1 blinding nature of sin, th but few comparatively feel their true situation. It is too often thought th sin is a small thing & th a few efforts are all th is necessary at any time to remove both its guilt & consequences.

2. That he is deserving his condemnation

In other words, he must feel th his guilt is great. He must have lively convictions. This is necessary th he may be able to look upon 1 righteousness of C as a gift. Otherwise he may feel th he deserves something as a debt from G. No one ever accepts 1 Savior to 1 salvation of his soul till he is prepared to see th it is all of grace. He must be slain by 1 law, before he is made alive by C. An intelligent assent to 1 truth th man is under condemnation is not enough. There must be a deep hearty sense of one's own ill-deserts.

3. That G cannot & will not accept of any thing short of a complete satisfaction to 1 demands of justice.

It is too often thought th G punishes transgressors to make an example to the Universe. According to this opinion, Christ died to prevent disorder & ruin arising from 1 contagion of unpunished sin. But it is not merely expedient for him to punish sin, but it is just. His character for holiness & justice would not allow him to do otherwise. And every one who goes to C must feel that this is true – that G must require either from him or his substitute a full satisfaction for all his sins.

4. That he himself can make no atonement.

When a man feels this, he feels his weakness & vanity; & he is more ready to look without himself for aid. He will then see th something must be done - th he must go for assistance - th he must apply to 1 fountain set open for sin.

With these thoughts in our minds we can answer 1 question - How can man be just before G? Paul directs us to 1 text for an answer; - "Therefore we conclude th a man is justified by faith without 1 deeds of 1 law".

In this discourse on 1 great central doctrine of *Justification* *by Faith*, I propose three inquiries; - In what sense are men justified? What is 1 ground of their justification? And what is 1 influence of Faith in this work?
And

I. In what sense are men justified?

We all know in what degree & when a man is regarded just in view of 1 claims of human laws. We will suppose a person is brought before a human court accused of 1 crime of murder. But when 1 evidence is all brought in & examined with candor, it is found 1 man is innocent - not guilty of 1 crime for wh he is indicted. The verdict of l jury is th he is not guilty. The man stands acquitted; and, in view of l law & of l court, he is justified. Such is however, not l case of any at l court of heaven. All have sinned & come short of l glory of G, there is none th doeth good, no, not one. If arraigned at l bar of heaven, no man can be found innocent. The Psalmist says; "Enter not into judgment with thy servant; for in thy sight shall no man living be justified". To be justified in l sight of G cannot be obtained by any one because he is righteous. "Cursed is he th continueth not in all things to do them". No one has continued in all things so as to have kept l law perfectly. But on l contrary, each & all have violated l law in thousands of instances. No one then can be just because he is innocent. Neither is it l object of gospel justification to change l dispositions of men; but to change their relations in respect to law. Justification does not sanctify - does not infuse holiness into l soul; but it removes l curse of l condemnation. It changes l condition of man, not his ill-deserts. At no period, can Adam's posterity look back upon any point in their existence, when they stood innocent. And if they hereafter enjoy a rest in heaven, & are made perfectly holy; &, if, through 1 ages of 1 untried existence before them, are to approximate in knowledge & holiness to G; it is because they have been born of G; &, while in probation, have been sanctified by 1 S through 1 belief of 1 truth. Men receive a mansion of bliss, not because of their innocency. For "by 1 deeds of 1 law shall no flesh be justified". Still men are justified. "For what 1 law could not do in that it was weak through 1 flesh, G sending his own Son in 1 likeness of sinful flesh, & for sin, condemned sin in 1 flesh; That 1 righteousness of 1 law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after 1 flesh, but after 1 S."

Justification by Faith implies three things - 1st. That man is pardoned for all his sins. 2d. That he is acquitted & free from punishment, as if he were innocent. And 3d. He receives all 1 rewards of perfect obedience to 1 law. Thus much does 1 gospel accomplish for man. But

II. What is 1 ground of man's justification?

In order to a clear understanding of 1 subject, let us look at 1 covenant made between G 1 Father & C. "Thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days ... he shall see of 1 travail of his soul & shall be satisfied". In Psalm 89th. it is said, "His seed also will I make to endure forever, & his throne as 1 days of heaven .. My covenant will I not break, nor alter 1 thing th is gone out of my lips". From this language of G to C, we learn; That a seed shall be given him - th they shall endure forever - & th his dominion over them shall be as extended as their eternal being. This seed of C shall be a great number - a multitude wh no man can number of all nations, kindreds & tongues from 1 four winds of heaven.

Consider 1 fact th this multitude are all by nature under 1 curse of 1 law - & that heaven & earth shall sooner pass away, than one jot or one tittle of 1 Law pass, till all shall be fulfilled. The Law must be fulfilled; & 1 heirs of salvation saved from its condemnation. Here comes 1 atonement. Christ pays 1 penalty & removes 1 curse. Here is 1 necessity for his blood to flow. A satisfaction being made, man is pardoned, released from punishment, justified & rewarded beyond 1 grave. All this is included in salvation by C.

But what is 1 ground of man's justification?

I answer
1. Not 1 deeds of 1 law. Paul repeatedly assures us "th by works of 1 law shall no flesh be justified". The law is briefly this:- "Thou shalt love 1 L thy G with all thy heart + with all thy soul + with all thy mind. This is 1 first + great commandment. And 1 second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself". The least omission or 1 least negligence in regard to this law is sin. "He, who offendeth in one point, is guilty of all; that is, he is guilty of breaking 1 spirit of 1 law. And "The soul th sinneth it shall die". We see here 1 absolute impossibility th any one of us can ever be justified by its deeds.

2. Nor is Repentance 1 ground of our justification. Much is said in 1 scriptures about 1 duty of repentance. "God now commandeth all men every where to repent". An erroneous opinion may arise in 1 minds of some th 1 repentance here enjoined, when it takes place in 1 heart of 1 sinner, may be 1 reason th a person is accepted. True enough, when repentance occurs, 1 penitent man receives justification; but his repentance is not 1 ground of it, or 1 reason why it is bestowed. It does not come as a reward for 1 exercise of godly sorrow for sin.

3. Nor, again, are *sincere* attempts to obey

1 law of G 1 ground of human justification. There is an idea somewhat common th 1 standard of 1 divine law is lowered down so as to meet 1 infirmities of man, & th ~~as~~ man will be saved, if he is only sincere & does as well as he can. Though there may be failures & imperfections in his obedience, yet if he sincerely tries to do 1 best he can - all will be right. Many stumble over this error. How many are hoping for salvation, because they mean to do well? How many are sincere in their attempts & in their hopes? How many consciences are lulled to sleep - how many eyes shut & ears closed to all 1 prominent truths of 1 gospel, through 1 unfortunate delusion th it is not much matter what a man believes, if he is only sincere? By such C is left out of view. They are doing just what they could have done, if he had never died. The Savior has no place in such religion. His atonement, his death, his blood, are all useless names. They, who act on this principle, are going to heaven doing as well as they can. Such are without faith; & indeed without G in 1 world. Let no man make shipwreck of his soul over such an erroneous & false opinion. Let no

one think of obtaining heaven except in connection with C as held up in 1 gospel. Let all look to 1 Lamb of G which taketh away 1 sins of 1 world.

Having noticed these common mistakes in relation to this subject, 1 way is now prepared to give a direct answer to 1 second inquiry; - What is the ground of 1 sinner's justification? A careful attention to 1 scriptures of 1 O & N T shows us clearly th it is 1 righteousness of C. His merits alone are 1 means of our acquittal. By his obedience, sufferings & death, he prepared a fountain sufficient to cleanse 1 whole world. This is agreeable to 1 Bible. The name, by wh 1 Messiah was foretold, is - "The L our Righteousness". Daniel says th "he was to finish 1 transgression & to make an end of sin & to make a reconciliation for iniquity & to bring in everlasting righteousness". Another prophet says; "Surely shall one say in 1 L have I righteousness & strength". "In 1 L shall all 1 seed of Israel be justified & shall glory". Isaiah says, "By his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities". Does not this latter part of 1 passage intimate th he would atone for their sins & as a consequence they would be pardoned, & restored to 1 divine favor through 1 gospel? In 1 Ns 1 righteousness of 6, as 1 meritorious cause of mans justification, is even more fully inculcated. It is here asserted th "he was made sin for us, th we might be made 1 righteousness of G in him"; that "he is 1 end of 1 law for righteousness to every one th believeth"; that, in 1 gospel "1 righteousness of G is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, The just shall live by faith"; that, "to him th worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth 1 ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness"; that, "by 1 obedience of one shall many be made righteous"; that, "by 1 righteousness of one, 1 free gift comes upon all men unto justification of life"; that, "we are forgiven for his sake"; & that "we are accepted in 1 Beloved". And 1 heart of every christian wh is full of enlightened views of itself & 1 gospel will ever desire "to be found in 6 not having our own righteousness wh is of 1 law; but th wh is by 1 faith of 6".

Intimations have already been given as to what this righteousness of 6 is, wh is so essential & about wh so much is said in 1 scriptures. We find it consists in his excruciating sufferings & death on 1 cross. It may be asked how can 1 death of one make satisfaction for vast multitudes, whom no man can number; + each + all of whom deserve death on acount of his own sins? Let it ever be remembered th. in him were united infinite dignity as a divine Being; + 1 highest conceivable excellences of character. His Divinity + Holiness stamp infinite value upon his condescension, his obedience + his painful death. His blood constitutes an inexhaustible fountain, to wh all who will may repair + be made clean from 1 stain of sin. He, who stands acquitted, must be clothed in 1 garments of C.s righteousness. There is no release from 1 penalties due to sin except in connection with C. Again

III. What is 1 influence of faith in Justification!

Here I would observe 1 faith by wh the righteous shall live is not an intellectual faith. This kind of faith is ever called forth when one has clear views of 1 evidences of revealed religion.

But 1 faith here implied is evangelical faith. It refers to G as its object. "Abraham believed G + it is counted to him for righteousness". The jailer rejoiced "believing in G with all his house". This emotion especially refers to C as an object. "Ye believe in G, believe also in me". "He th believeth on 1 Son hath everlasting life". The offices of C are especially objects of faith. "The words th I speak unto you, they are spirit + they are life". "Whom G hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood". "Believe on 1 L J C + thou shalt be saved, thou + thy house".

These passages furnish us 1 evidence of a connection between faith in C as our Prophet, Priest + King + our salvation. This faith is also an affection wh has its seat in 1 heart. "With 1 heart man believeth unto righteousness". It implies also confidence or trust in G + particularly in a Savior. In this last sense is it especially understood as having an influence in our justification.

We have seen th man cannot be justified by 1 deeds of 1 Law, nor by repentance, nor by sincere attempts at obedience. But man can be justified by faith in C. In order to this, let it be understood th one must feel his entire helplessness _ be fully convinced th he can do nothing to better his condition _ + despairing of salvation in any other way + manner, he casts himself upon 1 mercy of G, + reposes his safety in his Son with confidence unlimited. This then is t kind of faith partaking of t nature of confidence, trust & love to G. It also possesses, in its essence a mixture of distrust in one's self, diffidence in one's own ability to perform t works of t Christian, & a lively persuasion th t strength of G must be constantly resorted to in our salvation, or we are lost. When one has this exercise in his heart attended with these various emotions, he has a living faith. With this faith he leans upon G. With this faith he depends upon him for salvation. With it he suspends his hopes upon t cross. In t exercise of it, he trusts in t merits of a Savior; & his heart approves & accepts of him to t salvation of his soul. He places his burdens upon t L; & puts confidence in t Lamb slain from t foundation of t world. In this way t gospel of G becomes t wisdom of G & t power of G unto salvation to every one th believeth. In this way t law is magnified & made honorable. In this way man is reclaimed from punishment, & finally brought into heaven without t deeds of t law. The gospel here points out a more excellent way. The interests of man, of 1 Universe + 1 government of G are maintained. At 1 same time too G can be just + 1 justifier of 1 believer.

An objection here arises in some minds. Says 1 objector, If I am to be saved by faith in C, as I am sure of salvation, I need not regard 1 law, or give any attention to good works, I am at liberty to do as I please, good or bad. It is a sufficient reply to say, he, who has 1 faith of 1 gospel, has love to G + man. True faith is followed by works. A faith without works is spurious. As a sweet fountain will not send forth bitter waters; so no more will genuine faith be destitute of works.

Thus have I shown in what sense a man is justified – that 1 righteousness of C is 1 meritorious ground of his acceptance – + th faith is 1 point on wh human salvation is suspended. It is suspended on faith, because by it, man lets go of self + all his excuses; + lays hold of 1 Savior + rests upon him. This subject is 1 dividing line between 1 true Christian + 1 moralist. It demolishes all our innate selfrighteousness, + removes every hope in human strength.

Let us, M. B., try our expectations by

this standard of 1 gospel. Have we faith? Not only our acceptance with G, but our usefulness in 1 Ch depends very much on 1 measure + kind of our faith. Have we then this pure, simple, genuine, evangelical faith? Is it attended by good works? Do 1 deeds of 1 law appear as evidences that it is 1 faith required in 1 bible?

And let us each, one + all, inquire what is 1 method by wh we hope to be saved: All men under 1 sound of 1 gospel hope to be saved. But various are 1 systems of redemption, wh man prefers, aside from th of 1 gospel of 1 Son of G. On what grounds are you, M H, individually expecting a blessed immortality. If you are not depending upon C, you are building your house upon sandy foundations. And then, when 1 rain descends + 1 floods come + 1 winds blow + beat upon th house; it will fall; + great will be 1 fall of it. This is 1 certain doom of all, who are not resting upon 1 blood of 1 atonement in 1 exercise of faith. Let all be like 1 wise man, who builds his house upon a rock. Go to 1 sure Rock, Christ Jesus 1 Lord. Build upon *him*, + there will be no disappointment. Them, th go to him, he will in no wise cast off.

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1 Kings 18: 21, m. cl.

"How long halt ye between two opinions? if the Lord be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him."

This text is found among 1 records of 1 ancient chosen people of God. It sets before our minds a historical incident wh occurred among that people more than nine hundred years before C. Ahab was at that time king of Israel. His wife was Jezebel, a daughter of 1 king of 1 Zidonians, a pagan country not far from Canaan. In 1 reign of Ahab, there was a constant tendency in 1 minds of 1 Jews to turn from 1 worship of G to that of 1 false deities of their neighbors. The king himself kept four hundred & fifty prophets of Baal. And his wife Jezebel sustained at her own table four hundred prophets, who were 1 ministers of her religion in 1 service of 1 Phoenician deities. In these circumstances, 1 people had but little encouragement to adhere very closely to 1 worship of 1 Lord. With the example of persons so high in 1 world, how probable that 1 masses of 1 nation would be borne down, by their own unsanctified natures, into the degraded & blighting practices of idolatry.

Elijah was 1 prophet of 1 Lord. He put forth his best efforts to cause 1 people to adhere to 1 true & only living G. Thus between these two elements, there was a perpetual contest. Ahab & Jezebel strove to eradicate all knowledge & worship of 1 Almighty Elijah & his friends sought to restore 1 true religion to its purity & power among 1 people. Jezebel even slew many of 1 L's prophets; while Elijah by his friend Obadiah preserved as many as he could by hiding them in a cave. Bitter altercations followed. And as is usual in moral contests between right + wrong, truth + error, justice + injustice, there were commotions, debates + mutual censure. On one occasion, "it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said unto him, Art thou he that troubleth Israel? And he answered, I have not troubled Israel; but thou, + thy father's house, in th ye have forsaken the commandments of 1 L, + thou hast followed Baalim".

Partly from habit, partly as 1 fruit of former education + partly as 1 result of 1 efforts of Elijah, 1 people sometimes were rather inclined to remember 1 G of their fathers. And yet through a desire to please 1 king, + by fear of incurring 1 displeasure of Jezebel, they were often seen to falter + to yield to 1 intrigues of Baal's prophets. There was an instability in their minds wh was painful to 1 sight of a good man.

The prophet of 1 Most High God caused all 1 people to assemble unto mount Carmel. When they had thus gathered together, he came to them + addressed them in 1 words of 1 text.

"How long halt ye between two opinions? if 1 L be God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him".

What we see in 1 history of that people is often noticed in all 1 walks of life. How many there are apparently halting between two opinions! Their views of truth lead them to feel that they ought to be on 1 Lord's side; that G, their Maker, has many just & reasonable claims upon them; that it is unsafe for them to live estranged from Christ, who loved them so much as to die for them; & that their own happiness would be vastly promoted by a harmony of 1 heart with heaven. And still a profound moral sleep is upon them. A deep interest is felt in some one or more of the many attractions connected with the world. It seems to be difficult to break from its associations & to cease to be controlled by its spirit. At one time, there is a half formed resolution to devote 1 life to 1 service & honor of G. At another, there is a struggle in heart in behalf of 1 allurements of time. Enlightened conscience speaks in tones of warning in favor of a life of piety; while 1 natural man is loud in its calls for a farther treaty with sin. "How long halt ye between two opinions? if 1 L be G, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him."

From these words we gain this sentiment;-

Indecision in religion is ruinous.

A few thoughts will be submitted to establish 1 truth of this proposition.

1. Indecision in religion consumes a man's probation.

Time viewed as a period to prepare for eternity is one of heaven's best gifts to man. It is small in space for 1 great work th appropriately belongs to it. There is certainly not an hour to spare. But this vacilating course in 1 concerns of 1 gospel uses up often no unimportant part of life. Indeed, unless checked, this course may & will end in life's failure.

How common is 1 sight of persons, who admit 1 reality & necessity of a change of heart, but who do not seek to be 1 subjects of this change? One whole year after another is measured off, one part of life rapidly succeeds another, while no progress is made in becoming reconciled to G! Is not much of human probation thus consumed by this want of decision in regard to 1 demands of 1 Almighty? As with 1 Jews so with many of us. There is no heart felt interest in 1 service of 1 Creator. Sometimes in 1 placid moments of calm reflection, an inclination is felt to enter upon a religious life; but after a short season it is effaced, like the foot-prints made on 1 sandy shore of the ocean. All 1 resolutions to serve G, made under 1 influence of indecision in religion, are but as 1 morning cloud & 1 early dew, to vanish before 1 rays of 1 summer sun.

A disposition to put off all preparation for another world till old age is near, is a widely existing habit full of evil. But what encouragement have any to do this? One half of 1 number, who are born into this world, die before 1 tokens of youth have passed away. Many are carried from 1 cradle to 1 grave. How few comparatively reach 1 meridian of life! And how very few come to old age! Only about three thousand souls in a million of people are old persons! Only about three hundred, in a city of one hundred thousand inhabitants, called aged, are to be found! What false security it is, for any one to presume that he may be among that number, & that when he is thus an old man, with great decision he will then lead a religious life! It is a presumption on wh no one would for a moment think of suspending an earthly blessing. No one would consent to wait till old age before securing a good title to ~~their~~ his home. Every one & all would fear that death might cut them off, & they leave no inheritance to their heirs.

Methinks 1 silent reflection of some heart here is at this moment like this:- — Long have I already put off this subject. Many years have I lived without G in the world. Many favorable seasons have I neglected. Thus far I have done nothing toward fitting my soul through grace for th eternal state wh is before it. I have not begun to live for 1 next world. Much of my probation is gone, & nothing is done. The day of my salvation is well nigh spent to no good purpose. I do not approve of my own course of life. I will change.

In 1 words of 1 text, "How long halt ye between two opinions? if 1 L be G, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him".

2. Indecision in religion is ruinous because it hardens 1 heart.

A hard heart is a stupid unfeeling insensible heart. It is a state th grows upon its possessor by his taking a wrong course of action in morals & in religion. By 1 error, wh is rebuked in 1 words of 1 text, this moral indifference is fast cultivated.

That indecision in religion tends to make 1 heart more indifferent to 1 divine claims is too evident from facts to need proof. A frequent consideration of this subject with a disposition to feel its importance & still to neglect its claims, is well calculated to produce a cold calous state of mind in regard to this matter. The same effect is seen, if 1 subject, wh receives thought, pertains merely to our earthly interests and relations. But it is more perceptible in regard to 1 high & holy claims of 1 Almighty on 1 individual hearts of men!

Each time 1 subject is postponed, less interest is afterwards felt in it. The conscience becomes less tender & 1 mind less affected when 1 topic comes up for further reflection. Living without G for one month makes it easier to do so another. This course pursued a year prepares 1 way for its continuance 1 next. And so this indecision works out its bitter fruits through a whole life. Is it not so in the case of many persons in 1 circle of your acquaintance? Do they not stand now just where they did a year ago? Have they made any progress in 1 assimilation of 1 soul to 1 character of their Creator?

You all remember t case of Felix, who, when he was a listener as Paul reasoned of righteousness, temperance & judgment to come, exclaimed in his anxious trembling state of mind; - "Go thy way for this time, when I have a convenient season I will call for thee". We have no evidence that he ever after felt so deeply on t subjects of Pauls preaching. Did a more convenient season ever come around? Did he ever send for Paul? Not to hear concerning t faith of t gospel. Not to be led to a Savior. He trembled no more. He was anxious no more. But his conscience became more stupid, his heart more hard & he sunk into deeper guilt. As has been true in thousands of other cases, his indecision served very much to harden his heart.

Again;

3. Indecision in religion is ruinous because it destroys t happiness of life.

This result is brought about in two ways; Indecision mars t joys & happiness wh ~~might~~ might otherwise come from t world; and it hinders t cultivation of t bliss wh t gospel is wont to impart to t subjects of grace.

Persons halting between two opinions in

the concerns of 1 immortal soul, do not often enjoy much happiness even in 1 things of this world. The conscience is not in th calm serene state wh secures peace of mind. The moral sensibilities of 1 soul cannot be put to rest under a deep conviction th all is not right within. Where 1 best hopes of 1 soul are known to be in vain, resting on a sandy foundation, & exerting no influence to purify 1 heart; how can there be much happiness? The service of G & 1 service of 1 world require opposite states of mind. One militates against 1 other. ~~So easy as that~~, The conscience cannot be put to ~~rest~~ sleep so easy as that.

This indecision does not secure religious enjoyments; nor will it admit any from 1 world. Godliness has 1 promise of 1 life that now is, as well as that wh is to come. But a want of godliness has no such encouragement. And a vacilating spirit in religious matters is ruinous to all spiritual bliss.

There is nothing men more commonly seek in this world than happiness. The great inquiry is;—"Who will show us any good?" But this happiness keeps at a distance; while men engage in its eager pursuit. What though dis-appointment cuts down the hopes of multitudes in the fond pursuit of worldly bliss; yet each one, who comes upon the stage of active life, is just as anxious for the chase. Many a one however is obliged to return with ~~with~~ this lamentation:—

"I tried each earthly charm,
In pleasure's haunts I strayed,
I sought its soothing balm,
I asked the world its aid.
But ah! no balm it had,
To heal a wounded breast,
And I forlorn and sad
Must seek another rest;
My days of happiness are gone,
And I am left to weep alone."

But "Happy is the man that findeth wisdom". This is the only true source of bliss. If any of you would be most miserable; live an enemy of G., & you will reap a full harvest of suffering, sorrow & sadness. Live in indecision & instability in regard to the claims of your Maker, & you will come but little short of this full harvest. Wisdom is true religion. "Her ways are ways of pleasantness, & all her paths are peace". "Blessed is the man whose transgressions

are forgiven & whose sin is covered".
But

4. Indecision in religion is ruinous, because it does not satisfy a sound judgment.

There is a consciousness about almost every thinking person, wh proclaims in tones of no uncertain signification, that it is right to love & to serve G; that it is wrong to be averse to his claims; & that both his service & his claims are just & reasonable. Such is the relation man sustains to his Creator; such are the blessings of ~~his~~ Providence; & such are the gifts of ~~his~~ grace; that all feel in their inmost souls that they have really no good excuse for any indifference to the Almighty. See how he has clothed you all with the gifts of immortality - has made you but little lower than the angels in his presence - has so constructed your bodies that the Psalmist was forced to say, "I am fearfully & wonderfully made". See how he is around your persons, watching over your bed by night, & guarding your path by day; preserving you from the pestilence th walketh in darkness & the destruction that layeth waste at noon day. See how the Moral Governor so loved you, though sinners against his law, that he gave his Son to die in your place that whosoever of you believe in him might not perish, but obtain everlasting life. Look at 1 heights & 1 depths, the lengths & 1 breadths of his love for your souls. When no wisdom could find a remedy; no power could open a door of mercy; & no hope from any earthly source could pour a ray of joy on 1 path of human life; *then* was 1 wisdom of G made manifest, & power divine took away 1 dark obstacles which threatened to overwhelm all in remediless ruin.

Now do not all these mercies & gifts of creation, providence & of grace, make such a weight of obligation as cannot be easily thrown off? Does not man's sound judgment tell him he ought now & forever to be in 1 service of G? And is not indecision in these matters unsatisfactory to 1 best exercises of 1 mind's perceptions? There is an internal monitor in 1 soul, wh ~~all~~ takes sides with G in 1 controversy between him & 1 human heart. This agent is never pleased with a dilatoriness in a service, wh he knows to be so just, so right, & so reasonable. A feeble attempt to draw near unto 1 Creator, & this attempt followed by an additional degree of coldness in regard to his claims; is a course of life wh is not calculated to meet 1 approbation of any enlightened sound judgment. Better by far possess 1 decision of Martin Luther. When he at one time was harrassed by many difficulties at home, a summons came to him to meet 1 agents of 1 Pope at the city of Wittemberg + discuss 1 points of difference between him + 1 papal Ch. His friends fearing treachery + that Luther might be assassinated by his enemies advised 1 Reformer not to trust himself there among so many adherents of Leo X. But 1 noble monk of Erfert had given his all to 1 cause of G, + with unhesitating + unwavering confidence in his Master, he replied to his timid friends; "I will go to Wittemberg though there be there as many devils as there are tiles on their houses".

But finally +

5. Indecision in religion is ruinous because it very often leads to 1 eternal loss of 1 soul.

"How long halt ye between two opinions: if 1 L be G, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him". To carry out 1 first part of this text requires 1 exercise of all 1 graces of religion + leads to 1 rewards of piety in 1 future world. But following Baal was 1 purest heathenism. It secured no piety of l heart, & could not open heaven to l soul. To gain l rewards of piety it must be a genuine element in l soul. But vacillating between l claims of l world & l service of l Creator will not bring any one into l relation of a child of grace; nor will it work out l best interests of l soul in time, or in eternity. Indecision in things so important may never cease till l current of life has ceased to flow. Hence l danger of ruin to l soul, a ruin without a remedy.

It is fair to presume that many persons in a christian community are wont to think more or less on l subject of religion. Many things remind them of its importance. Their own education is a witness for l truth. The return of l sabbath seems to admonish them of l necessity of a preparation for l eternal sabbath. The death of neighbors seems to say, "Be ye also ready". The word of G adds its voice of instruction, warning & threatening. All l institutions of l gospel serve to awaken thought. From all these causes, it is no wonder th many in their leisure hours think on this subject.

And yet how prone are many to merely think of these things, & to do nothing toward following 1 L our G. Inclinations struggle within for opposite courses of life. In this state of indecision, no piety is cultivated, but a life of impenitence is continued. Now this is full of danger. It is ruinous to 1 soul.

Are there not important considerations growing out of 1 uncertainty of life why we should dismiss all this spirit of procrastination in 1 great business of life? Seek, not 1 world in such a sense as to neglect Christ. While you are in 1 pursuit of 1 world, the last sands of life may fall. While you are taking care of 1 body, suddenly 1 soul may be required of you. What are you going to do? You cannot remain long in this world. Each day makes 1 future less; ~~and~~ brings the soul nearer to eternity. Let your thoughts rest on this subject with a deepening interest. And let 1 heart engage in 1 service of 1 L in such a manner as to draw out all its affections & energies for him. Dismiss 1 indecision of 1 carnal mind. Endeavor to do 1 work of life while probation lasts. "How long halt ye between two opinions? if 1 L be G, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him."

Groveland. Tazewell Co. Ill. Dec. 10th '46

Dear Sister,

Your very acceptable letter came to hand Monday eve. Nov. 23rd just 8 weeks from the evening we all spent together at Aunt Keators. Of course it contained the first intelligence I had rec'd from home. We were spending the evening at a neighbor's. Dea. Huntington at whose house we were, came from the P.O. during the evening, and among other things brought your letter. I did not wait to get home before reading it I assure you. I gave it a hasty perusal there, and afterwards read it "agin and agin." You cannot imagine what a rich treat it was. I was afraid you would not write until you received a letter from here, but had begun to inquire when any thing came from the P.O. if there was a letter for me. I rec'd your paper Dec. 8th and was very happy to hear again that you were all well, and that Aunt Keator was better. I have read the paper nearly through, and have found it very interesting. I noticed your name among the subscribers. Doubtless the intelligence most interesting to you will be to hear that we are in good health. Mr. Gore is very busy most of the time writing sermons. and I have not the slightest temptation to be idle. for I find enough to be done to keep me all the time employed. We commenced housekeeping about a week after we arrived. It would be not a little satisfaction, no doubt, to you to look in and ascertain how I succeed in this new and important occupation. but as you cannot be gratified in this way at present, you will have to remain ignorant, or take my word for it. Let me tell you then, though I make some blunders, I have not any very bad failures to report as yet.

year. Chills and fever was the prevailing disease. The number of deaths was very small comparatively, no more than usual. It is now generally healthy. Remember not to delay answering letters. Mr. Gore will write some on the wrapper. Much love to mother.

Your affectionate sister
Lucretia

And further do not borrow any trouble lest Mr. Gore should not get enough to eat. He positively has all the potatoes he wants, besides cabbages, beets, turnips and onions, for he has raised an abundant supply of all these. And could you see the nice piece of venison used to day, and the chickens, roasting-pieces of beef &c. &c. already demolished – not excepting the nice honey in the comb – all tokens of the people's liberality – you would think famine did not at present stare us in the face. Flour can be obtained for 1½ cts. pr. pound.

You ask what I think of the people and place. With the people that I have seen I am well pleased. A large majority of the inhabitants in this vicinity are New England people. Almost all our near neighbors are from the East. The settlement – street where we live is called Deacon Street – and embraces 10 or 11 dwelling houses – meeting house schoolhouse and store. On this street within half a mile of us are 6 New England families, 4 of whom are deacons, and ex-deacons, the Colporteur of the Am. Tract Society, the other a merchant. Within half a mile in other directions are several other Eastern families, and they are scattered about all over the Prairie. The school house is but a short distance from us and is a new one scarcely finished. A school is to commence in it next monday to be taught by a graduate of Knox College Galesburgh. He is to receive 25 dols. pr. month – including board.

In pleasant weather the congregation on the Sabbath will usually average from 125 to 140 or 150. and are as respectable in their appearance and as attentive listeners as you will generally see at the East. True, a person just from the East will discover some singularities in the style of dress of some. But the majority are not far behind the times in this respect. Besides this Sabbath at home – Mr. Gore preaches every alternate Sabbath P.M. at two [illegible] some 5 or 6 miles from here – that is

I was much surprised to hear of Mr. Day's death. You have probably seen accounts of the great amount of sickness at the West during the past season. So sickly a time has not been known in many one Sabbath at one schoolhouse. the next at the other. and they are usually well filled with attentive listeners. At ~~one~~ both of them a Sabbath School has been sustained through the summer. I should add. Mr. Gore, preaches but one sermon in the meeting-house on the Sabbath.

I promised in my last I believe, to tell you when I next wrote what I purchased in Chicago. Well here is the list. 9 cane seat chairs for which I paid $1.58 cts. apiece. they are good substantial chairs. but are not as fashionable or pretty as yours. 6 flag bottomed kitchen chairs. good. and easy to sit in - for which I paid $5. a mahogany secretary - similar to Ezra's. but larger. 21 dollars. 2 mahogany framed looking-glasses - the largest I should think about the size of Emelia's best one - perhaps rather smaller - $4. the smaller one $2. Two black walnut light-stands - 1 containing a draw $2. the other $1.75. One large rocking chair $2.50. One small cane seat rocking chair $1. another do. $1.68 - one maple bed-stead $3.50 one black walnut do. $5. Two black-walnut tables - one $3. the other $3.50 Mr. Gore purchased a cooking stove. and an air tight stove. The cooking stove is a very good one - similar to Ezra's. I also purchased in Chicago some nice. heavy flat-irons. shovel and tongs and poker - polished steel. —— We have not every thing arranged yet. The man of whom Mr. Gore engaged a part of the timber for the addition he was intending to put up as soon as we got home. disappointed him. and our kitchen and bedroom will not be done as soon as we anticipated. However. we are very pleasantly and comfortably situated now - but not as conveniently as we hope to be. We have not thought it best to put down the carpets until the kitchen is done.

I have found no difficulty

Give my love to Mary. Abby, Lucy if there, Sarah, Aunt Mason, in short to all I have not room to specify; I can easily imagine how they look about there - occasionally all assembled perhaps eating walnuts and apples. I should like some times to join the company.

in obtaining what articles of household furniture I needed. At Peoria - 8 miles from here - or Pekin 9 miles - or Tremont 6 miles distant are well filled stores where can be obtained almost any necessary article. or for aught I know. any thing that you want.

Please say to mother I am very glad she let me take her rolling pin. it looks so natural it seems every time I use it as if I must be at home. I cannot now realize that I am so far from you all. I think of you all much, and hear from you, and feel that a short journey would bring me to you - and only when the utter impossibility of seeing any of you at present forces itself upon my mind do I realize that so many hundred miles intervene. I thought much of home Thanksgiving day, and felt happy in the assurance that I was remembered there.

You did not tell me what you had done to the parlor to make it look smart again. Why did you not? and also what you got at Worcester. I want to know all the particulars. Did you carry Miss Eager's book "Life in the West" when you went to Worcester? What is the result of the doings of the Consociation? Give me them in full when you write. It is almost time for the annual "donation party" to come off - remember to give me an account of that. Tell me all about your school. Give my love to all who attended last winter, and all the people who inquire. Is Walter teaching? Where is Henry? Do you know who teaches at Harrisville? How do they get along at M.B. Tell mother she must write soon. a part of your next if no more. I am glad to hear she is so well. What is she doing this winter. Give much love to Mamma Hobbs when she gets home. I shall expect a letter from Aunt Mason as soon as she is able to write. I have rec'd a paper from Augustine and sent him one in return. I sent one to Ezra last week. and shall send you one soon.

Tell Pamelia no true hearted Yankee would think of making a torn up canal an excuse for delaying a contemplated journey

Groveland Tazewell Co. Ill. Tues. eve May 18th 1847

Dear Sister,

I was very happily surprised Saturday P.M. to receive a call from Capt. Crawford and his son. They came in about 5 o'clock and stopped until after tea. then went to Mr. Richmond's — who married Mrs. Hopkins' sister and spent the night. I had thought before it was possible I might see them from what I discovered on the wrapper to one of your papers. I gave the letter a hasty perusal while the tea was steeping, and improved the remainder of the time in asking questions. It was very pleasant I assure you to see some one that I had seen before. though not very recently Mr. Charles Drake and his wife were here. We had a very pleasant visit from them though it produced many very tender reminiscences in their minds. particularly Mrs. D's. She feels very deeply the death of her sister, and being here where she died — and seeing her things — looking over her clothes &c. brought it very vividly to mind. Mr. Gore gave her most of her sister's clothes. He had given her some before. Joseph Bruce spent nearly two weeks here in Feb. and March. Mr. Drake is not so strong a Millerite as he used to be. He is now an itinerant preacher of the Wesleyan denomination — or what are sometimes called Seceders.

I am now quite lonely — Mr. Gore started Monday morning to attend the Central and State Associations in Knoxville and Galesburg and will perhaps attend the State Ass. in Iowa. If he should he will be absent three weeks. A young lady who attends school here is with me. How I wish you or mother, or both, could come and stay with her while she is gone. I was glad to hear you were going to teach in Bolton once again this summer, because you are so near home. What have you done with the bed? I cannot think where you have put it, if you have got your home as you designed to do. Perhaps you have two in the parlor chamber, as we formerly did. I suppose I should scarcely recognise the room when you get it fixed. Well I have a *distinct* recollection how it *has* looked. Lest I should forget it, let me tell you now how much pleased I was that you entered so minutely into particulars. Moral, or other *criminal* characters seem to be rapidly *developing* among you. I cannot imagine of what moral delinquency I shall hear next, though I was not much surprised at the intelligence respecting L. Tucker. Her management with Upham seemed very mysterious some time since. I think the prospect is fair that New England will produce as many "sons and daughters" as the Western country, and as far as my observation extends, women without husbands are not as productive here, as in your vicinity. I hope I shall be early apprised of the result of Mamma Hobbs' Worcester expedition. I shall feel anxious to hear from Lucy. I dreamed not long since that she had a babe three months old. A premonition doubtless. If I could see you I would like to tell you a funny dream I had respecting your Union tour, but it is not worth committing to paper. By the way, how could you refuse so urgent an application to go there this summer.

I heard by way of Mrs. Drake that Mrs. Merrick was dead. Lucy will be very lonely now. Mr. Belknap has married and returned to Ill. Has George Chandler returned? What does Mrs. Chandler say to her nephew's choice? If G. Pierce marries "one or both" of his wife's sisters I shall have to acknowledge that I am no prophet.

Mother wanted I should write all about the house, that she may be able to imagine how I look about my domestic concerns. I wish she could come and see. but as she cannot. I will endeavor to assist her imagination as much as possible. The house was built by Mr. Huntington a former minister and in the first place was "a story and a half building" 16 feet by 18. This part contains below, one room 15 feet square (now our parlor) a small pantry and entry; and above two chambers and a small hall. One chamber is 9 feet by 15. This is the study. the other a very small bedroom; this is all the room we have in the upper part of the house. Mr. H. afterwards built an addition ~~18~~ 9 feet by 15 on the east end of the house, and the addition built this Spring extends across the south side of the house and is 10 feet wide. I should have stated you before. the house fronts the south. It is now, on the ground, 26 feet by 27 The kitchen is in the south west corner. On the west end is a sink and the well. The well-curb and sink join. Under the sink is a cupboard which will hold all my stove furniture - soap grease &c. On the north side of the kitchen is a door opening into the parlor, and the stove is on that side. On the east is a cupboard - cellar door. bed room door. on the south an out side door and window, and also a window on the west The additions are low and of course have no chambers. The kitchen and bedroom are not plastered yet. but we occupy the kitchen. All the rooms except the new kitchen and bedroom are painted white and papered with very pretty paper. The paper in the parlor is quite light colored and neat. During the winter we had the stove in the east room and as we could not get to the pantry or out doors without going through the parlor I did not think it best to put down the carpet. I did not use that room much in the winter. I am going to have a bed in the east room. We must go through the parlor or bedroom to get to it from the kitchen, and therefore should not use it much for a sitting room. It is necessary too that we should have bed in it for we have four and cannot well dispose of them without. You will conclude we have an abundant supply of beds and bedding when I tell you I found as much there as I brought with me, and as good. I sometimes wish we had your complement of tuck-holes for store rooms. Our house is sufficiently spacious for all our wants, and neat and pretty enough for any one. We know and endeavor to realize that ministers families can seldom feel themselves permanently located; but while we remain here, if no unforeseen event deprives us of it - we have a very pleasant and comfortable home in a delightful situation and surrounded by kind, agreeable, intelligent and pious neighbors.

You must not suppose that Mr. Lee has been able to get his place and make so many improvements and be now free from debt. He paid the original price of the place, and up to the time that he started East was free from debt. but you know his journey must be an expensive one (I often tell him he has one costly piece of furniture) and has been building this Spring, so that he is now somewhat involved, but thinks he can easily see through if life and health are spared. Thus far my health has been as good here as it ever was in N. E. I find work enough to do. books and papers enough to read. visiting enough to occupy all the leisure time. If home was nearer, I should be very glad but I have reason to be, and trust I am, grateful that I have so pleasant and good a home here. Capt. Crawford's daughter is going to return with him and leave her husband behind. I think I should have no desire to do so if I had a father to come after me. Capt. C. said she would not return unless they concluded to come West. If they do not Mr. Holman will return to N. E.

Leonard told Preston Crawford he thought he should be here in September. Is his wife coming with him. I am going to write him in a few days. I hope Aunt Mason's responsibilities will not crush her. Where is Abby this summer? You had better send on the remainder of your lawn cloths. You know it takes considerable to clothe two children

Thus I have given you I believe all the particulars. remember this is strictly a family letter, written only to enable you to form some idea how we look at home. I meant to have told you we have 6 hens, a rooster, 8 chickens and a pig. Give my love to all my friends. How does Mary Bartlett come on? She has not forgotten me, has she? Mrs. Richmond's sudden death must be very afflictive to her friends.

Your aff sister - Lucretia

Groveland Sept. 6th /47

Dear Sister,

The package of letters from home came to hand last Tuesday and I improve the first leisure moment to reply. Perhaps you will think now I have *help* in my own family I need not complain of want of time, and it isn't probable I shall have occasion to hereafter. So many things occur to my mind that I want to *say* to you all, that I really find it difficult to select any thing to *write*. After reading your letters, I felt almost as if I had been at home. It required but little imagination to think how you looked and *acted* there, and I had a very *vivid* *perception* "in my mind's eye" of the "*clattering*" in Aunt Dean's room" when Mr. Gee's letter arrived, of which Aunt Mason wrote. I suppose there is at present a resident on the premises of whom I cannot form so correct an idea. Lucy will know who I mean. I wish I could see the little fellow, none of you told me who he looked like. Perhaps in him there is a "happy combination of the beauty of father and mother" I am sorry to hear Lucy's health is so poor, but hope the salubrity of the climate in M. B. together with the agreeable society she enjoys now, will have a tendency to improve it.

I wish, in regard to health, she was as *highly* favored as I am. My health is very good. I have done my work since the babe was four weeks old. She is very healthy, grows finely and is a very good-natured little miss, as you would naturally expect. I shall have to disappoint your expectations respecting the color of her hair and eyes, for they have grown lighter. Her hair, of which she had a good supply is about the color of mine. and her eyes blue, not grey. blue, and she bids fair to show by the hue of her skin that she belongs to the European race. I went to meeting last Sabbath and took her. she remained during the exercises without making any disturbance. She with two other children, was baptized. We call her, Mary Charlotte,

I wish you had been here to have gone with us to a wedding, we attended this (Thursday) afternoon. There were over 20 present. The house contains only one room, besides a small bed-room and pantry. The cooking stove was moved "out-doors" and after the ceremony - while they were setting the table for supper. the ladies were invited to occupy the chamber. lighted by removing one of the clap-boards. The entertainment consisted of chickens. pies. cake. preserves &c. &c. - What Yankee would think of making such a wedding with such accommodations It is an Ohio family, But We had a very pleasant time. I dont know as any one took their knives and forks and spoons along with them. for doubtless those things went beforehand.

Mr. Gore married a couple before breakfast the morning of the 4th of July. He was invited to be at the place at sun-rise It is about 4 miles from here,

I believe we have not given you an account of a hail storm we had here on the afternoon of the 12th of June. Our house has three windows in front. containing each 12 panes of glass. and they were all broken but two, and some in other windows making in all near 50 panes broken. Our neighbors shared the same fate, some experiencing more damage, others less. those having most north windows. losing most glass. Some wheat fields were nearly or quite destroyed. and fruit was much injured. In Peoria it was much more destructive than here. I have heard eye-witnesses say that there, the average size of the hail-stones was equal to an ordinary hens egg, and continued to fall 35 minutes. People exposed to them were considerably bruised, their clothes much injured. In some places near Peoria the trees were entirely stripped of their foliage. There was but little wind at the time, or the results must have been much more terrific. Some stones were found in this vicinity as large as a hens-egg, but the average size was less.

I cannot help feeling disappointed that Leonard has given up coming West this season, though I had feared it might be so. Mr. & Mrs. Gates were obliged to give up their contemplated Western journey, so I must relinquish the hope of seeing any Eastern friends this season. I hope at some future time the obstacles may not be insurmountable. I had hoped to see some one with whom I was acquainted, from N. E. this summer or autumn.

If any of you will come in and spend an evening with us, we will treat you with some nice melons, perhaps a few grapes, we havent many this year. I am very glad to hear Pamelia is better. Tell her a long journey would be very beneficial to her. Say to her if she should see the chickens eating corn from Mr. Gore's hand, or flying on to his hat or shoulder, and from thence to the basin in his hand to eat the dough, I am sure it would commend him to her special favor. He divides his leisure moments now between the chickens out-doors and the one in the house, and has already become quite skillful in tending baby.

I called to see Mrs. Richmond (Mrs. Hopkins' sister) a few days since. She has a pair of twins — a boy and girl — three weeks old, and has now seven children. She thinks she is doing her part to populate the West. There is considerable sickness about though none as yet in our immediate neighborhood

Give my love to Aunt Mason and Lucy. I shall write them as soon as I can. Will Aunt Mason go with Lucy when she returns to Worcester? I am glad she can have her mother with her. and wish my mother ~~[illegible]~~ could spend the winter with me

I hear from Worcester quite often Mary spends 15 minutes every Monday writing to me and when she has filled the sheet sends it if her last is unanswered. and her letters usually contain a half sheet from some other friend there

From sister -
Lucretia Gore

Groveland Ill
Sept 10

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Miss Hannah A. Gray
North Woodstock
Conn.

When you get ready to visit us announce your intentions early enough for us to make arrangements to meet you at Chicago. From Albany to Buffalo by rail-road will occupy 24 hours. From Buffalo to Chicago by the new arrangement now in operation 54 hours. So you perceive the journey need not occupy much time. When will you start?

Give my love to all the folks. Tell Mary Bartlett Aunt Lucretia has given her little girl a part of her name. Write soon and often as you can

Mr. Gore sends love and good wishes to all

Your aff. sister - Lucretia

me I shall no doubt improve much faster. So let us hear from you soon. Tell Hannah not to delay. It is late and I must close. —

Your affectionate daughter - Lucretia

Groveland Tazewell Co. Ill. Jan 27th 1849

Dear Mother,

Would you not like to take a trip to Ill. this eve and just peep in and see how we look here. Yes. I know you would. If the telegraphic wires conveyed bodies as well as thoughts we would be a little more neighborly. Would-nt I see what you are about some evening? Imagine us seated around the table writing letters. I have now six in the family. Miss Hollister - the teacher - a man who is chopping for Mr. Lee, a boy who boards here and goes to school, who together with the parson, his spouse and baby complete the half dozen. The number will soon be diminished. We have become very much attached to Miss H. She is very kind and amiable, and seems almost like a sister to us. Mary runs to shake hands with her every time she comes from school - says "how do you do, is it cold"? We have had thus far a Yankee winter, and Mary has heard so much said about cold weather, that when any one she knows comes in, she asks "is it cold, is it cold"? We have had steady cold weather since winter commenced, and about 5 weeks as good sleighing as was ever known any where. It is warmer now, and is raining. Mary is learning to talk very fast. She tries to say almost every thing, and can speak a great many words quite plain. She can make all her wants known. When thirsty she says "ater" and when tired and sleepy "ock-a-by-co." A short time since I was away from home with her one afternoon. In the evening her father came. As soon as he opened the door. pointing her finger towards him, she said "there's pa. there's pa" and immediately ran to a rocking chair. saying "ock-a-by-lo - ock-a-by-lo" She says "Oh! no" with a good deal of emphasis sometimes when she doesnt choose to do as we wish to have her. We have to train her some, for, strange to tell! she is not quite perfect. I suppose you will say "Cecat thinks she has got a wonderful baby" - No I dont think any such thing. but I presume her grandmother would think so if she could see her. She has got some picture books of which she is very fond and knows a good many of the pictures. "There's boy" she says - there's puss - there's dog - there's fox - there's pretty girl - When she comes to the hen and chickens. she says - chick, chick, chick, &c. She is not quite as well as usual now, has a bad cold, and some double teeth coming. She is very healthy most of the time, and grows fast. Since I wrote you we have had an addition to our family of which I have not told you. Dont be alarmed - you have but one grand-child - at least in Illinois. We have a cow, and I make butter and it is very good butter too. - Does the California fever rage in your vicinity any? Quite a number are affected with it here, and are making preparations to start as soon as the spring opens, and expect to return in a few years richly laden with the yellow dust. Probably many who go will return victims of disappointment if they return at all.

It is a general time of health, and has been for a long time. Physicians have but little to do. One who arrived here from Boston about the 1st of Dec. has been teaching writing school. A near neighbor of ours, a very dear sister in the church, is apparently soon to fall a victim of consumption. Louisa will probably remember her. Mrs. Huntington. Her health has for a long time been feeble, and now she is confined to the house and most of the time to her room. Her death - which to her will be great gain - to her family and the community generally - will be an irreparable loss. Cholera is making some progress this way, though I know of no cases nearer than St. Louis. There have been but few cases there yet, and probably will not be till the weather is warmer.

I find it difficult to imagine how you look at home now there have been so many improvements since I left. I dreamed of being at home one night not long since - but there was so much of Ill. in the dream I did not enjoy it as much as I otherwise should.

What employment have you now? Do you have any shoes to fix? I wish when you next write, which I hope will be very soon, you would give me all the particulars, so that I can think how your time is generally occupied. How often I wish you would make us a long, long visit. How is Hannah's health, and how does she get along with her school? I am very glad to know she is so successful in teaching. Armina Hobbs lives with Pamelia most of the time now, does she not. Give my love to her, to Aunt Mason and Abby, to grandma-am Chaffee. Nancy: in short to all my good friends. I cannot specify. I thought at first of writing to Aunt Mason and Abby and send it with yours. but concluded I would defer a little while. and would hear from me again sooner, I have not forgotten Ezra's and Cornelia's letters. and I shall write them soon.

Mrs. Lucretia Deane
North Woodstock
Conn.

Remember me to Mr. & Mrs. Boutelle, I partially promised to write to Mrs. B. the morning I left home, but have never done so, I find my time all occupied. You know I have every thing to do myself. And though our family is generally small there is a good deal to be done. We have considerable company. and visit as much as we can. and cannot half satisfy the demand in this respect, I can do my work much easier than when I first commenced. and fancy I shall be quite a housekeeper one of these days. But if you will come and spend a year with

Groveland Tazewell Co. Ill. Feb. 11th/50

Dear Mother,

We promised when we last wrote to write again in a few days. but the days have amounted to three weeks. and the letter is but just commenced. But I do not have to write now lying on my back. having been able to sit up all the time for a week- and nearly all the time for two weeks. I make my bed and sweep my room. and sew all the time I can get for that purpose. and hope and expect to be able in two or three weeks to take care of my family myself- which I shall be very glad to do.

The baby is very healthy and quiet. and grows finely We cant tell yet whom she most resembles. She has a round full face. blue eyes and dark hair.

Mary is willing to give up almost any privilege for her little sister. If she begins to cry. Mary says- "wont you take the baby mother?- she's crying- she's hungry I guess" She is very anxious to hold her. and does all she can to amuse her. Her rag baby lies about, quite neglected

She has become quite literary within a few days. and seems determined to learn her letters at any rate She has for some time ~~[illegible]~~ enjoyed very much looking at a map of the Western States which we have suspended. and within a few days she has begun to point to the letters ~~on~~ it and ask what they were. She has already learned several. and very often during the day she asks to "look at the O's", as she expresses it when she wants to find the letters on the map. We every day feel more and more the importance of saying and doing what is right, in her presence. and giving her correct precept and example. for she is a complete mimic - noticing every thing that is said and done - and repeating as much of it as she can remember. There are not many children about us. and we are very glad of it. for if she associated much with a large number of children it would be much more difficult to manage her. ~~The~~ Does Ezra take "The Independent"? and has he - or have any of you, seen a piece in a late number of that paper entitled "A Man in the Market". If you have seen it - I need make no comments. if you have not, very likely you will. and I will not enlarge. I have recently seen a copy of the "Annual Report of the Superintendent of Common Schools in Conn." and was interested in reading what I suppose was Mr. Boutelle's Report of Schools in N. Woodstock _ or Woodstock Third - as it was designated in the Report. He writes as if there had been improvement. and I am happy to learn it. I hope the Schools will continue to improve. but I am afraid his loss will be felt in the schools as well as in other departments of labor. I have examined the Ecclesiastical Records in the Papers to find some notice of Mr. Boutelle. but as yet have seen none. Are his family still in N. B. I wish he would come West! The West needs a great many such men as he is. Perhaps he would not have more difficulties to encounter than he now does, though they might be of a different character. Mr. Curtis is still in South Woodstock - is he not? I heard in the fall they were without a minister, but thought it must be a mistake. What are your prospects in N. B. for a minister?

Give my love to Aunt Mason. A day or two before I left home, she said I might visit New England when I had a girl and a boy. Ask her if two girls will not answer every purpose. Tell her to get on to her shingle and come and see [illegible] pair of daughters - they are worth seeing. Is it n[illegible] an old established rule that the grandma-am should live where there are most grandchildren

I leave you to make the inference.

But I must close. Mr. Gore sends love to all He would like to write, but is about leaving home to be absent several days to attend a special meeting of the Association at Galesburg.

We shall look for a letter from some of you soon and hope we shall not be disappointed. I shall as soon as possible write to all to whom I am indebted.

With much love to all, I remain

Your affectionate daughter
Lucretia M. Gore

Groveland Ills.
Feb. 12th

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Mrs. Lucretia Dean
North Woodstock
Conn.

paper to communicate, especially I wish to hear of your health, you may let Leonard see this letter as I cannot write but one at a time, the next I shall write to L. Lucretia says she shall write to L soon but I think she will find it easier to promise than perform

Sycamore DeKalb Co Illinois
May 5, 1854

Lucretia sends love to all friends & Jerome I doubt if she was here

Dear children

You may probably think I have been rather negligent, in not writing and giving you some account of my journey, ere now, but as [illegible] wrote the day that I arrived here, I have put ~~it~~ off writing longer than I intended to, I will now give you a brief but imperfect sketch of my journey. We left Mr Maynard's at 9 oclock Monday morning. my ride was much better than it was Saturday and I found riding did not hurt me We started from West Brookfield between 10 & 11 still arrived at Albany before 6 till. The Cars were very full as there were many passengers who were designing to go on to Hartford & Newhaven, from Springfield who were compelled to go by the way of Albany and down the river to New York, to get to New Haven on account of the freshet, you have doubtless seen the account of the great rise of water, I need not therefore describe it at Pittsfield all the flat land near the river was covered with water, and the wrecks of buildings and fences were floating on the surface, cottages which were on the intervals were up to their windows in water. the low lands were every where covered with water. The scenery through the Western part of Massachusetts and the Eastern part of N-York is bold and rugged in the extreme, I availed myself of all the chance I could get to look at it, which is but little from the cars. At Albany the river was so high, that we had

give my love to all who enquire after I cannot name all but all are remembered by me I cannot realize that I am so far from you but mind will go back in less time than telegraph communication, write me soon & tell me all about every thing kindness

to get out of the boat in which we crossed the river, into a little flat bottomed boat and be rowed up into the street. the water was up to the steps of the buildings near the water, I had felt very calm, not at all disturbed till I came to step off the large boat into the little flat, not larger than your little home canoe with the great muddy river rolling around us, I felt somewhat afraid however we got safe through, without harm except wetting the bottoms of our clothes a trifle. We stoped at a temperance house, a few yards from where we left the boat, it was then quite dusky, and we had to wait till 11 o'clock till, before the cars went out At 11 we took our seat in the cars and commenced our night journey, I felt somewhat fatigued but on the whole stood it quite well. I slept a little in cat naps which did some good, at the first place of note which I saw after it was light, was Syracuse, I should think from what I could see, that it is a pretty place. I got out of the cars at Rochester and got a cup of tea and a cracker. did not get out again till we got to Buffalo, we saw but little of the place, as the Depot is quite distant from the thick settled part of the town. it seemed to me we passed freight trains of cars that were a quarter of a mile in length the next place we stoped was Erie, where we had to get out and go round the Depot and get into a train on the other side, the baggage had to be removed which took some time we did not stop again till we got to Cleaveland about three It was then raining fast. the railroad is built on piles on the margin of the lake. the Depot and street around

Mr Walker was very kind and attentive to me throughout our Journey as much so as if he had been my own son, I shall always have reason to respect him for his care and

[illegible] till the [illegible] we were well they rode to Amanda's the is also built over the Water. We got into a carriage and was driven to Mr Carpenters, where we were very cordially received, they were expecting us as Mr Walker had written to them, We found Mr C, very feeble, they said he was better than he had been, he had rode to his Store two or three times, when it was pleasant, and walks out when the weather is fine, but he has a hard cough his flesh is all gone & he looks as he leans upon his staff like a broken down man. he flatters himself ~~that~~ that warm weather will be favorable to him, it may; but he looks to me like one who is nearing the end of his journey. He seemed very glad to see us, said it was a cordial to him to see any of his old friends I was afraid it would be too much for him to talk so much but he said it did him good. Mrs C was well and the children except Susan & Amanda who had got hard colds. Ezra & Edward were at the Store and I did not see them till the next morning We staid there till towards night Wednesday. Ezra then took us in a waggon and carried us to the Depot, as we thought it not best to stay another night. Cleaveland is a pretty and I think a very growing place it is handsomely laid out, & filling up fast I should think it a fine place for business the streets are muddy but they will probably pave or plank them in process of time Mr & Mrs Carpenter sent much love to all their old friends & acquaintance. The Cars started at 1/2 past 7 PM, we had to get out at a place called Silver Lake I believe and go into a boat. I did not realize that we were on the water till we had got almost across I thought we were in a Depot. There was refreshments to be had but we did not go to the table as it was so early we did not wish to eat, it [illegible] till we started again and did not get out till we got to White Pigeon there we took some dinner

Mrs Walker & Myrtilla stood their journey very well they rode to Amanda's the evening after we got to Chicago

Please take in the rug which I left on the house when I came away

18 minutes being allowed to eat and get back to the cars, we
did not stop again till we got to Chicago between 3 & 4 in the afternoon
We got into an Omnibus and drove to Mr Henry Walkers, where I
staid till Saturday morn, Mr Gore had written Mr Walker how I
might come on to Sycamore, at 3 P.M. I went to the Depot but
they had altered their time & I could not go till the next morn
Mrs Oliver Walker was very sick, she had been sick all the time
her husband was gone, we did not go there as she was not
able to see company, I did not see Lorraina's wife it was some
distance from Henry's, she has a young babe and could not
come out, I saw Henry P. Walker he boards at Mr Henry
Walkers they had 4 or 6 other boarders, Mr H W and wife
look young to have 2 children, but they appear very well
I think Mrs H. W. is a very pretty woman, she treated me
very kindly & I wished to pay them for their kindness but
they would not take any thing, she went out shopping with
me friday, I bought a nice pair of black kid gloves for 87 cts I got
a cap and some shoes for the children. I purchased 2 dresses one
for Lucretia and one for Hannah Leonard told me to get her a
dress if I saw any thing pretty, I saw some muslin which I
thought very nice ~~and~~ got it & she seems very much pleased
with it. Lucretia and her children are well except Anna &
she has only a cold, The baby is a pretty plump bright looking
little girl. Mary & Carrie have the same expression of countenance
they had when they were at W. I think Anna is rather the best
looking of the three oldest, Hannah is laboring hard as usual
she has over 60 scholars, the people seem to be very well pleased
with her teaching, she is much thinner in flesh than she was
when she left, and I do not think her general health is quite as good
she thinks the climate does not exactly agree with her.
Mr Gore is gone to Chicago to attend the general association will
not be at home till Saturday, I think it is a pleasant place here
from what I have seen which is not much as I have not been
out of the yard since I came here, I took cold on my journey
and have had a hard cough since I have been here, I am not
troubled with pain in my side but very little & on the whole
I think I am better than I was before I came from home, hope my
cough will wear off soon. The people are very kind to Mr
G & family they are very often bringing in some testimony of
their good will to them in provisions of various kinds, &
articles of clothing, if they could

furnish them with a little more commodious tenement it would be very
agreeable & hope they will be able to do so if they should abide with them

owes no one but you and mother Hobbs.
Mr. Chamberlin has written to Harris May since he visited you, and reported very favorably respecting your surroundings. Your letter reached here before we did, I will attend to your requests when I go to Worcester.
⑰ Yours aff- L. M. Gore

East Woodstock Ct.
July 25th 1864.

Dear Mary,

Your very welcome letter came to hand this morning, and I can assure you we were very glad to hear from you. Anna rec'd one at the same time from Lucy Fay. containing among other items of news, the sad intelligence of Mr. Hosley's death. Who would have selected him to go first, from those who went from Lamoille? How sad for his family. Lucy wrote that Eliza Jones was no better.

We left Saratoga last Friday. 7 o'clock A.M. and arrived at North Woodstock before dark. Leonard and Ezra met us at Webster.

We remained at your uncle Leonard's till Thursday night, when we came here.

We are having a very pleasant time. Carrie remains much as she was when I last wrote. She is stronger, and more vigorous than when we left home, and is more cheerful. She has not gained flesh or color, but her countenance is better.

She still has a slight cough, but Dr. Whiting at Saratoga was decided in his

I have written hastily and with a poor pen, but as both have been perhaps you can read it in time.

opinion that there was no difficulty about the lungs, and recommended stimulants

We had 2 doz. bottles Empire water sent here for her. She takes that in the morning, and iron twice a day, and besides this, some Porter and grape wine. She is free from head ache, and has a comfortable appetite. Our friends try to do every thing they can for her benefit and pleasure, and if Dr. Whiting was correct in his opinion respecting her, I think she will gain much during our stay here. Anna is happy as a queen. She is "all over", exploring all the barns, sheds and shops, playing with the dogs and cats, and I think, is enjoying all that she anticipated.

Tell your aunt Hannah, she is frequently called Hannah Dean. and most who have seen her are unanimous in the opinion that she very nearly resembles her aunty. Your father has been resting since we arrived in Woodstock. but thinks he shall go to Mass. next week. We shall not go with him then. I think it will be better for Carrie not to change about much at least until she is better,

Mrs. Dea. Walker is now with her sister — Mrs. French May — She came this week. Tell your aunt Hannah. Miss Myrtilla Walker is spending the Summer in Woodstock. and is

Did you finish your lawn dress in Lamoilles? How do you progress with your work

All send love to

spending the day here to day. I was very glad to meet her. She looks and appears just as she used to. Abby says, tell Mary to tell her aunt Hannah if she has a ^back^ pleasant time at Macomb she thinks they will all ^go^ ~~come~~ out and stay awhile.

I dont know whether Hannah has rec'd letters recently from this region. but Abby says several of her old correspondents have been talking of writing to her - among whom are aunt Mary & Chandler. Mrs. Julia Guild Hannah May &c, &c. Dea Asa Lyon has moved to Putnam.

Every body says to me - how much you look like your mother. Dr. Hitter said - "well - you look more like your mother than you do like you."

I had written thus far, and was called down to see Hattie Paine's father and mother and aunt Ellen. When they left Mrs. Paine said to Anna who was standing by the door - good night Hannah. She had said previously she was very glad to see Hannah.

They are all in quite comfortable health here now. Pamelia Dean is more fleshy than I ever saw her before. Grandma'am Hobbs is comfortable but does not do much about house. Abby's health is good for her, and she seems perfectly natural. Pamelia Mason is not quite as well as she was a year ago. is rather thin and pale. but is about all the time.

All send love to you your uncle and aunt; I think Carrie will write next week. Your aff. mother - L. M. Gove

They are also quite well at Leonard's. Anna returned from Norton the night before we got there. She had been absent 14 weeks. She brought home very good reports from her teachers, and I was quite well pleased with her appearance. Abby says she has improved wonderfully within a year or two

They have changed the house so much that it hardly looks like home here, but the internal arrangements &c are much improved

Leonard has made some improvements about his house, among which are enlarging the parlor, by admitting all the bedroom except a closet across the north end, which open into the other bedroom, and also enlarging the dining room by using the pantry, and making pantries in what was once the wood house.

If you are not interested in all that I have written, your aunt Hannah will be, and I have had both in mind, A few words to her.

I have an item of business for her from uncle Ezra. Ezra says he is ready, and quite as lief pay you what he is owing you, if that will be agreeable to you. He will invest it in Government bonds, or deposit it in a Saving's Bank, if you desire it, or take any course you choose. He would like to have you write what your wishes are. He says he has been settling, and paying what he owes, and

East Woodstock Ct.
August 6th 1864

Dear Mary,

Your very welcome letter came to hand this morning — your last I mean — the former one reached here last Monday night. but we were away, and did not receive it till yesterday P.M. We have been to Worcester and Boston this week. left uncle Ezra's Monday P.M. visited at Dea. Lyon's in Putnam with uncle Leonard and Ezra and their wives, and Abby Mason spent the night there. and went to Boston Tuesday morning and returned to Worcester Tuesday evening. You will doubtless wonder why we made such a flying visit to Boston.

Your uncle Ezra and aunt Pamelia have been very anxious ever since we came here. to have us take Carrie to Dr. Dillenback in Boston - the physician who was so successful in treating Pamelia Mason. He devotes his whole attention to throat and lung diseases, and has been very successful in detecting and treating them. Carrie's cough has continued about the same as when we left home, and that, and other symptoms, almost convinced your uncle and aunt, that Carrie's was a lung difficulty, and they did not feel satisfied until Dr. Dillenback saw her. Of course we were anxious to do every thing we could for her. and accordingly took her to him last Tuesday. He examined her and pronounced it an unmistakeable case of lung disease, and had been, he said, from the beginning. He said there might be—and probably was, some trouble about the liver. but it was slight comparatively. He thought he could help her, and accordingly prescribed for her, and she commenced at once using his medicines.

Your aunt Pamelia says he does not encourage those who apply to him, unless he thinks there is a reasonable prospect of helping them. She inhales medicines for the lungs three times a day, and as many times takes medicine to improve her general health. Besides this he recommended the use of some stimulant daily. such as Porter. Bourbon whiskey &c. &c. which we have got for her. I bathe her every morning and the Dr. said she ought to exercise all she could in the open air, eat nourishing food and we might hope for favorable results. But unless there is very rapid improvement, you must not expect to see her *look* any better than when we left home. But, although we cannot help feeling very anxious, we are hopeful, and shall do every thing in our power for her. Our friends are all *very* kind and sympathising, and do every thing they can for her improvement. Her pale face attracts the attention of every one who sees her. When you write, you must remember she wants to read your letters, and you must write cheerfully

What we do for her. will doubtless be far more efficacious. if she continues encouraged and hopeful. as I think she now is. She is ready and willing to do everything prescribed, and cheerfully denies herself every gratification that we fear may be injurious I shall remain at uncle Leonard's or Ezra's the rest of the time we are in N. E., for I could not attend properly to Carrie and be changing about, and her comfort and improvement is the first consideration, She has not felt quite as well for a day or two. but most of the time, she seems stronger, more vigorous. and has a better appetite than when we left home. Dr. D. recommended that she continue the use of the Empire water thought it would be good for her.

We think now we shall start for home Aug. 29th three weeks from next Monday. We should be very glad to go through Ashland but probably shall not unless we should learn that we can go that way without much increase of expense, but we have not yet decided which way we shall go.

We had a very pleasant visit in Worcester. Your aunt Julia is quite pleasantly situated, has a very good husband I should think. and a pretty little boy We staid there two days and three nights, aunt Emmeline was there most of the time. They sent a great deal of love to you. We rode around and saw all we could of Boston in a few hours. but more about that at some future time. I am truly thankful you are enjoying your visit so much at Macomb. I suppose you forgot to tell me about your lawn dress. but I suppose you finished it. and think you must enjoy it this hot weather, It has been very hot and dry here. but there have been rains. and it is now more comfortable.

I meant to have written one sheet to your aunt Hannah but will send a few items now and write her in a few days. I tried to pattern her silk in Worcester. but could not hear of any striped black silk at least, any thing that resembles hers. I also inquired the price of spoons. They are enormously high. as you will naturally suppose. Teaspoons similar to my best ones. which cost $6.75. cost now $14 or $15 pr. sett. My table spoons were $5 a pair. Similar ones now are $10. Dessert spoons are $2.50 $3.00 and $3.50 apiece according to weight. They said they could sell for old prices if purchasers paid in silver. Mrs. Guild is in Putnam. I went into her shop. She inquired very particularly about your aunt Hannah sent a great deal of love, took her address, and said she meant to write her.

Your father intends to visit some of his relatives and friends in Mass. next week. Anna is well and is enjoying her visits very much. All unite in love to you and Aunt Hannah. I will write to Hannah next week

Your aff mother - L. M. Gee

East Woodstock Ct. Aug. 23rd 1864

Dear Mary,

I know you must be feeling very anxious to hear from us, and I meant to have written you yesterday, but the washing, some calls in the afternoon and taking care of Carrie filled up the day. I wish I had something encouraging to write, but there has not been much change for the better in Carrie since we last wrote. The diarrhea is *partially* checked, but there is not a corresponding increase of strength. She has some appetite, and seems to relish her food, does not suffer pain, but she is gradually declining, rather than improving — all the time. There is not now the least probability that she will be able to go home at the time hitherto contemplated.

She cant sit up much of the time, and does not walk about at all. At times we cannot resist the conviction that she is rapidly "passing away" We persevere in the use of the *means* prescribed for her, and hope she may be *better* than she now is, if she is never well. How rejoiced should we be were we all at home. Carrie could not be more comfortably or pleasantly situated any where, or have more done for her than she has here.

Your uncles and aunts, and all our friends are as kind and sympathising as friends could be. Dr. Hitter has seemed very much interested for her.

She realises something of her critical situation, but feels very anxious to get well, and cannot yet contemplate death without dread. She does not murmur or complain, but has not that bright hope, and evidence of her acceptance and adoption, which we wish her to enjoy. We try to point her to Christ as the only Savior of lost sinners, and pray God for Christ's sake to seal instruction to her mind and heart. I need not tell you of our anxieties, you can imagine better than I can describe them. And be assured, dear Mary we are not unmindful of the grief and anxiety you must suffer, and we pray God, if this cup may not pass from you and us, His grace may be sufficient for us, and that we may possess a cheerful resignation to His will.

I am truly thankful, if we must as a family be separated, at a time when we should so much rejoice to be united, that you are with your aunt who can and will, so fully sympathise with you. I Know that our sorrows are hers.

I have felt while writing this

evening, that I must express fully my fears. although I am not entirely without hope.

I do not wish to alarm you needlessly, but I am confident you would not wish us to conceal the facts.

Your father has been away a few days visiting his friends in Mass. but I expect him back tomorrow. He did not see Mrs. Waters in Worcester, but she and her husband have been here since. They have been boarding a few miles out of the city during the Summer. He made an arrangement to meet them in Worcester, but the unpleasantness of the weather, and some other reasons prevented.

Carrie is sleeping very quietly, and has uniformly rested well nights. She said I must tell you she should be glad to write you if she felt able.

Anna is very well, and apparently very happy. Tell your aunt Hannah I have written for both of you. Give a great deal of love to her and Mr. Bailey. We will write again in two or three days. My dear daughter, may God bless and keep you, and prepare you and us for His whole will and pleasure is the prayer of your affectionate mother.

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sorrows are her.

I presume ere this you have recd a letter from your father. Anna has gone to school. All send love –

Your aff mother L. A. Gore

Lamoille Sept. 18th 186

Monday Morning

Dear May,

As we have heard nothing from you yet, we conclude you did not find it convenient to write on the way, but we hope to receive a letter from Mt. Holyoke to day. You can imagine how anxious we are to hear from you, and all about your journey. We cannot expect to hear much yet. what are your first impressions of Mt. Holyoke.

Anna says she is most [illegible] to know about your room, room mate and what you have to do. all of which we shall expect to be informed of in due time. We tried to imagine where you were every day, and almost every hour during your journey. We hope you had a pleasant time, and were preserved in safety by a kind Providence to the close.

Every thing has moved on about as usual at home since you left.

Mrs. Griffin went to Mr. Wells' Friday

Your photographs came Saturday.

Mary said she forwarded them as soon as she could get them. They are very good indeed. Her letter was written Sept. 15th and she had the impression you were to start to day. She hopes you will have a pleasant time, and wishes she could be there with you.

Frankie Rowe got better, but before she was able to sit up, Mary had an attack of billious fever, and was quite sick a few days. Jennie returned to Grand Rapids two or three weeks since. Amelia Whittemore has a son two or three weeks old. Dr. Bryan and family are in Sycamore now. making arrangements to move to California. I don't know how soon they will go. They are enlarging the Cong. church. Mr. T. Hallam died last Wednesday. Yesterday was so excessively rainy every body staid at home. The bell did not ring at all. It commenced raining at two or three o'clock A. M and continued to *pour down* most of the time till afternoon. We thought we should like to know, whether the storm extended to Mass. and how you spent your first Sabbath at the Seminary. but you will tell us some time.

Soon after you left. I discovered you had left the "*breakfast shawl*." but we can send it to you by mail. I thought I would delay awhile, as we might think of some other little thing we would like to send, or you might think of something you would like to have sent. If you receive a package from West No. Yarm. I would be as quiet and undemonstrative as possible about opening it, and be punctual in acknowledging it. Mrs. Fargo called here last week. She said she meant to have called on you, thought you were to go to day. Has it occurred to you that we forgot your Aunt Hannah's cup of jelly? Did you find all your clothes in good order when you opened your trunks. Had your books arrived safely?

The house seems very quiet since the family is so small.

But I must close. You must remember that we shall want you to write very *minutely* as well as frequently. You are but out of mind much of the time, and we want to be able, as nearly as possible, to think of you *just* as you are. You are particularly remembered at the family altar and in the closet.

Laneville Sept. 23rd [illegible]

Dear Mary,

Annie's letter came to hand yesterday and she & we were very much delighted as we all were to receive so long a letter from you containing so minute an account of your Seminary life. We are rejoiced to hear, that you are so comfortably and pleasantly through with your examination, and that you are beginning to feel contented at home.

You have doubtless ere this rec'd a letter from me, and ere this reaches you, you will have rec'd one from Esther, your father and Anna, containing all the news of importance.

I thought I would make the effort to send you some of [illegible] geranium and a little cactus. If they live, they will afford you pleasure, If they do not there will be no loss. I have sent small slips of geranium, for I thought they would be more likely to live.

I will not write much this morning except to say to you that we are well and hope you will favor us with _long_ letters as often as you can without interfering with your duties. Do you find your _out_fit adapted to your wants, as far as you have had opportunity to observe?

It is Saturday morning. Anna is washing dishes, and I am going to cooking. You do yours in the evening. All send love.

Your aff mother - L. H. Gore

Tuesday morning Sept. 26

Dear Mary,

We cannot conveniently get a box ready to send this week, and as we shall be absent next week, it will be two weeks before we can conveniently send, and will then supply your wants as far as consistently. In speaking of the small winter shawl, did you mean a breakfast shawl, similar to Esther's, in place of the one you talked of taking with you? Will that one of Sut, answer your purpose? or had you something else in mind. Write definitely what you want, and whether the one you used to wear at home will meet the want, or whether you were thinking of something different.

I can send another pair of shirts. I do not know that I have any thing for a table cover. unless I should send a brown table cloth. How would that do? When I find a pair of gloves I can send them in a letter.

Mrs. Griffin is here this morning. is intending to leave town Thursday. sends a great deal of love, and says if you have not already written her. you may direct to Newark.

Would you like your old plaid skirt. If we can conveniently put it in when we send? Try and think of all you need, and we will meet the wants as far as we can

Your affectionate Mother

L. M. Gore

Mrs. Phelps has gone to ~~[illegible]~~ University
All well and send much love
Your aff. Mother L. M. Gore

Lamoille Nov. ~~11~~ 22d. 1865

Dear Mary,

I have been taking [illegible] [illegible] my letter Monday, and have not the opportunity. I had been writing but had finished, and was ready to seal when your father came from the Office. Hattie came last Saturday and commenced attending school Monday. She is pleased with the school and thinks she shall like Mrs. Cummings very much. She is generally liked. Your father visited Mrs. Cummings school yesterday and thinks she is doing finely.

I watched with Mrs. Sloan again last night. She has failed considerably since I watched before. I do not think she will ever be any better. She seems to be [illegible] waiting for the sum-means" She says she is ready and willing, to go or stay, as the Lord sees best.

Herman Kinsman is teaching in Mr. Ward's district. When I heard of it, I was reminded of Mary Bellinger's imposition at Dover, two years since, and remarked, his school in the first there had commenced. Nannie has been at home this fall. Her mother was sick and she came home after being at Dover two or three days. Nannie has purchased a sewing machine. Her grandfather says the girls are taking music lessons on it.

A week from to-day you will go to the ditch if prospered. I should like much to be in Boston at Thanksgiving again. though there have been so many deaths and changes among my friends there it would not seem as it used to. But it matters not where we are if we have grateful hearts and we all have

abundant cause for gratitude where
ever we may be. I am very grateful
that we see in such cheerful letters
from you. that you enjoy your
studies so much and have such pleas-
ant congenial room-mates (Give my
love to them) for our happiness must
be more or less affected by those with
whom we are so intimately associated.

I am glad you can go to East and
North Woodstock. It will be next
to coming home. I think you will
have a cordial welcome from your
uncles and Aunts and other friends.

I hope you will see Mrs Deacon
Lyon of Putnam. Give a great deal
of love to all my friends, whom you
see. I hope it will be so you can
visit Carrie's grave. You will be
forcibly reminded of the circumstances
of your first visit to Conn. Tell your
aunt Pamelia I have a photograph
of Carrie which I will send when I

write. Jonas and Amelia and Jennie will give you some mutton tallow, or something of that kind for your nose and hands, if you make known your wants, and do not fail to do so. Try and think of such little things that you need for your comfort while there, for they will be happy to supply your wants as far as they can.

You will hear from us while in Woodstock, and we shall want you to write from there.

We are having the most delightful weather imaginable, and have been for two or three weeks. The farmers are very busy gathering their abundant corn crops.

Lucy Mendall went two weeks ago to Arkansas with Mrs Thomas.

I have written in great haste this morning, as you will perceive, for I wanted this to reach you this week. I hope you will rid of your cold before vacation. I suppose Mr. Baird is on his way home not dated

Dear [illegible]

We do not know exactly when you [illegible] the morning, but presume you have ere this, arrived at your uncle Edwards. We have not yet heard from your uncle Ezra's folks, at home, but suppose of course they are there, and hope, now the election is over, and satisfactorily too, we may get a letter from them.

I have had a bad cold and cough, and haven't been "very well myself" for the last two or three weeks, and have kept pretty close at home, but am better now. Am rather hoarse as I was last Spring, but the hoarseness is wearing off. It has not been a very self denying task to remain in the house of late, for it has been so terribly muddy, any one would dread to go out at all.

Anna is cleaning last night's mud from her dress, preparatory to starting for school - a process which has been very frequently repeated of late. She rec'd a letter saw Julia Harrington yesterday. Mary was married in January. Had you heard of it?

Mr Hall's folks left the week after I wrote you last, Mr. Hall left her love for you. I rec'd a letter from Mrs. Gates yesterday. She thinks she may visit us the coming summer.

Sidney is in Iowa college at Grinnell and she intends to visit him, and thinks she will call on us at the same time.

I did not send you any thing by Carrie Stevenson. It was uncertain when she would see you. I had thought of sending you a piece of dried beef, if she had started as soon as she at first contemplated. She stopped at her uncle's in Geneva N.Y. and her friends have heard of her safe arrival there.

She intends to visit you some time next term. We hope to get a letter from you to day. It is now about 10 days since we have heard from you.

You must give a great deal of love to all the Woodstock friends. Ask your aunt Louisa if she does not owe me a letter. I should be glad to get one from her any way. Tell aunt Caroline I am very anxious to get a long letter from her — the digest of her recent western tour. We are very anxious to hear how they all are. whether they arrived at home in comfortable health and feel paid for their journey.

Your aff. Mother L. M. Gore

Keep the apples from freezing, they are late winter apples.

Saturday Morning Oct 21st

Dear Mary,

We have just finished packing "The box" and it is about ready to start on its long journey. We hope it will reach its destination in safety.

We have put in nearly all the articles you have mentioned. and some you have not. We did not think it quite safe to put in hair oil, and we did not think it advisable to incur the expense of having the slippers made at the shoemakers. Perhaps sometime you will have a pair of soles from old shoes with which they can be bottomed.

You will see we have made provision for you to have a "little something hot" if you need it. We hope you may not need it.

I did not think the old green sacque and plaid skirt would attain to Mt. Holyoke. They have seen service enough I think to qualify them for admission If the patches are examined they will surely be accepted. However, if they will answer the purpose for which they are wanted that is all that is necessary. I did not think of sending the skirt till last evening. but found there would be room, and thought I would put it in for dirty jobs.

I am glad you have concluded to wear woolen stockings. The blue stuff that is around the tin cup will do to line the heels of your new colored stockings. I have not much white cotton yarn to send you. and could not get any

that so suitable, but have
sent some tips of stockings
that will do for patches. I think
you will find a ball of
white cotton yarn rolled up
with one pr. of your stockings.
I have put in a few amaranths
for a winter bouquet.
Many of the flowers are still bright
in the garden.

The knife is from Mr. Frarys.
Esther brought it here, but Mr.
& Mrs. Frary both spoke about
sending you one.

We hope you will find the
things in good order, and
enjoy the opening and the
use.

We are all well this morning
I believe. The sick have
recovered. Anna is washing
dishes. By and bye I am going
to make some pumpkin pies

We should enjoy sending you one as much as you would to have us come in and see your new carpet. We do not find any fault with that arrangement, but think it will do much to promote your comfort, and increase the home-like feeling.

Is Miss Hollister a Senior?

The given name of the other young lady will sound like home Olive. Julius and the baby were at meeting last Sabbath afternoon.

Your aff. Mother
L. M. Gore

P. S. Your crackers may be all broken ready to use, but perhaps they will not get out of the pillow case.

Father.

Dear Mary,

I thought I would add a few thoughts to what your father is writing in reference to the contents of your letter. Could you enjoy the same advantages for improvement that you are having and be near home, or at home, we should rejoice to have you stay with us. But if you ex-pect to be of more use by staying at home than would be obtained in the way of your being [illegible] and [illegible] you can there. If circumstances render it necessary for you to go so far [illegible] to make the best of it, but your father thinks he will see the way open to provide the means necessary for you to go through the course without much interruption. Believe me [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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Your aff[illegible] father

R. E. Lee

I am told there is prospect of an increase in some branches of the Angier family - viz. H. Lloyd's - John Reed's, and also at Julius Angier's. Sarah is at Julius's now, and expects to remain a few weeks. She may be needed with her sisters in August and September. Mrs. Burchett has another son.

Your aff. Mother. L. M. Gove

Dear Mary,

We were very glad to get your photograph recently taken. We think it looks as if you were well and happy, and we hope and trust these indications do not belie you. I should think your face was full as when you left home. The Dr. thought your face looked longer, but I think it is because your hair is combed back from your forehead. Your father thought it looked as if you were listening to a funny remark, and were meditating a corresponding reply.

I think it is very good indeed, especially when you feel like laughing.

I think I am gaining all the

time. When we have a few warm days in succession I do not cough but little. A damp, chilly day increases the cough and hoarseness, and I am thus reminded that I must be careful about exposure. Your aunt Hannah has not been well through the Spring. Has suffered a good deal from rheumatism and neuralgia. She says she aches all over, and is quite nervous.

She wished me to say to you her will was good to write you, but she was so nervous much of the time she dreaded to touch a pen. She took a severe cold early in the Spring, and the weather has been unfavorable for such complaints, as well as for throat troubles. Mr. Bailey was quite unwell a while ago, but is better now.

When I wrote last I told you I would send you a piece of my black dress, but forgot to put it in. I have had my old grey [illegible] done over, to wear this summer. It is to be trimmed with plain green.

Lamoille Oct. 26th 1865

Dear Mary,

We had sent the box, before your last requests were received, and therefore cannot comply with all of them, but think I can send you some penny-royal by mail.

Perhaps the suppression, in your case may be owing to the billious attack you had about that time. Such a result sometimes follows chills and fever. If that was the cause, you will doubtless be all right next time.

Any thing you do to secure regularity will be more likely to be efficacious, at or near the regular time. When the next regular time comes round, soak your feet in warm water several times just before retiring, and in connection with it, drink the penny royal—hot, and I think it will help you. Do not let it run along a great while. If these domestic remedies do not secure a favorable result consult the Physician, there may be causes of which I am ignorant, and which she would better understand. Be very careful about your feet, to keep them dry and warm, and keep warmly clothed, that you may not feel sensibly every slight change in the temperature of different rooms that you are in.

I hope the box will reach you speedily and safely. I put in your Sea Nubia. I thought you would find it comfortable and convenient many times in your walks for exercise, or in going from one part of the seminary to another. for you must always keep in mind the fact. that it is very essential to your health and comfort, to have your head and throat well protected.

The last I heard from Mrs. Edwards baby. he was gaining. very slowly. Mrs. Mills told me a week or two since, to give her love to you.

I think you better wear your old black delaine as much as you can respectably, in order to be wearing out the poorest articles. and leave them at home next year.

Your father has moved his table to the old corner in the kitchen for the present. so you will know how to think of us. We shall not move into the parlor till severely cold weather

I will send a little penny royal now, and at some future time- more.

All well, and send love. Your affectionate mother

L. M. Gore

About a week since I rec'd a letter and photograph from Mr. Hosley. They are keeping house - have 20 boarders - girls - Mrs. H. and Kit do the work and Mr. works in a wallet shop - says he earns from $4.50 to 5.00 per week - and wonders if Mary can do better than that teaching

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Tues. Eve. Jan. 17th. 1865

Dear Mary,

Your letter to Anna came to hand this afternoon - Esther was in to give Jimmy his music lesson and she said "the one pe" had not written her for two weeks.

Her cousin Mary Varney is spending the week with her - goes home Saturday. Elijah called a few minutes since - said they were having a candy-pull at Mr. Eastman's, and invited Anna to go. So she closed her Latin books with the promise to bring up arrearages - and departed. I suppose you do not have any such interruptions.

It must have seemed rather odd at first not to go out any evenings, but I think you will

All well and send love - Yours aff- Mother. L. M. Gove like that arrangement. I am sure I do. I watched with Mrs. Albert Sloan last night. She is very sick, and her recovery considered quite doubtful. She has fever, congestion of the lungs and some other troubles, and is quite low.

If you discover a yawn and not any there along here, you need not be astonished — for they occur very frequently this evening.

Maria Edwards has returned to this region, and expects to teach where you taught last winter. I have not seen her except a few minutes at church. She looks natural.

Did you find your crackers and cookies thoroughly masticated when you opened your box? Were the gloves in good shape, and can you use them. Do the old shirt and sacque answer the purpose for which you wanted them

How do you like the scarf as you wear it: or haven't you worn it yet?

I used about half the shawl in making it, and think I shall color the remainder black and make a scarf for myself - trim the ends with fringe and velvet - some that I have in the house.

I believe I have not written you about the black silk sacque I made before I went to Chicago. I ripped that child's basque we had in the house, and found there was plenty for a good sacque except the back. Accordingly I purchased 7/8 yd. of new for that part, and have a nice garment. I wore it nearly all the time in Chicago. I only regretted I had not thought of that arrangement early in the season, and had the benefit of it during the summer.

How do you get along with your

washing. Are you troubled to keep your clothes looking well. What dresses have you worn most this fall? I want to think just how you look some times. If I remember distinctly your winter hat does not differ very much in form and size from some of the present styles. I think the new hats are pretty. Elijah intends to go to school either in [illegible] or Dover. Your father wrote you I spoke of Hattie's applying in the family at Mr. Phillips it will be quite different from last winter. You must sleep in some morning and get a new sleep at your mothers, and not carry that tired look in your morning any longer. As the weather becomes cooler I [illegible] felt more energy, and am feeling very well now. My washings are quite small compared with last summer, and I think if Hattie comes we shall get along very easily. But I am [illegible] needing and must close. I am truly grateful to our kind Heavenly Father that we receive such cheering intelligence respecting your health happiness and progress, and also that we are able to write so [illegible] have known the times by sad experience how much anxiety is thus saved us.

If you have some of the light fingered gentry around you, you must see to it that your locks and keys do their duty faithfully

[illegible]

Dear Mary

Have you thought [illegible]

[illegible]

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[illegible] engaged [illegible]

[illegible] last [illegible]

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character, the [illegible] of the

[illegible], the great love and [illegible]

[illegible] manifestation [illegible] in our

own behalf, the [illegible] of the

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be forgotten [illegible] in consequence of
the [illegible] of Christians
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[illegible] of [illegible] things of [illegible]
[illegible]
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[illegible] have [illegible] that a
[illegible]
[illegible] reception [illegible]
[illegible] and pray [illegible] may your
[illegible] excellen-
cy in spiritual knowledge.
We shall be [illegible]
[illegible] so [illegible]
[illegible] your presence [illegible] assure
[illegible] your time and attention.
[illegible] to manifest them
That you [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] the feeling [illegible].
[illegible] I [illegible]

doubt not you will, and will return to the seminary refreshed bodily and mentally. Father and Almon send [illegible] love and good wishes in abundance. Your aff mother

L. M. Gore Lamoille. Bureau Co.

March 23rd 1866

Dear Mary,

I wonder if you can guess who was here to tea this afternoon. As you cannot and as I must not tantalize you by withholding the information.

Yesterday forenoon your father came in from the store, and said he had heard some news that would interest me, if I had not already heard it. But I see you are getting impatient, I fancy I hear you say. Do tell me mother, quick, who was there to tea. Laura Blood. She arrived in Arlington yesterday morning, and walked up to

[illegible]

Dr. Jones'. We were not expecting her. She did not decide fully to come until a day or two before she started. Sammy came with her. She will spend the Summer, at least, in Ills. and I guess has no very definite plans for the future. She says she wants to be doing something to help herself. She expects now to spend the Summer in Wyanet — not at her fathers — but in a milliner's shop, not far from the village of Wyanet, so Clara said. She looks much healthier than when she left here, and looks and appears perfectly natural. It is difficult to realize she has been away so long. Mr. Knights is still here. Charles went last week. The weather and travelling have been rather discouraging for movers for two or three weeks past. Mr. Y— thinks he shall go week after next. His wife and Miss Jenks being will not go quite as soon. His house is not ready yet. I dont know who will have your class when Miss J. leaves. She has not been there very regularly. Kate Wells said in the winter, they would have to be their teacher while she was at home, any way.

Kate is attending school in Danville now. Boards at Mr. Humphreys. Ere you receive this you will probably have one of the boxes we sent you. I thought perhaps you would like to do up a lot of collars before you returned to the Seminary, and so would send it on immediately. We have not heard yet when Carrie is going but you will remember [illegible] something planning the Spring and Summer. Annie is very busy just now, reading the "[illegible]" &c [illegible] nothing but Homer.. She has been very much interested in both.

If money necessarily produced so much trouble as is described in those books, every one would heartily entertain [illegible] otherwise, (Money is very desirable when kept in its proper place, a good servant, but a bad master.

Your cousin Fannie has a new [illegible] for her picture. She sent to New York by Mr Bailey for it, and says it is a perfect beauty. We shall not send another letter to the Seminary before vacation, unless there should be something very special to communicate Monday morning. I hope you will be able to [illegible] while in [illegible], I have written to her this evening when you will be there, and where she can find you and I presume if she receives the letter and is well she will call on you. Do you remember her where she lived when you were there. See her if you can and give a great deal of love to her, also to your aunts Emmeline and Julia Mr. [illegible] and all that you see. I hope you will have a pleasant vacation, and

Somerville Ap. 18th/1866

My dear Mary.

If nothing unforeseen has prevented, you are, ere this time reestablished in the Seminary, and have again commenced the routine of study. We are very anxious & to hear all about your vacation, visits &c. and it will doubtless come soon. We looked a little for a letter to day, but did not wonder at its non-arrival, for we knew you had a great deal to occupy your time and thoughts, during your vacation. We hope, and have no doubt, you have had a very pleasant time, and return to the Seminary invigorated both mentally and physically.

The weather has become more settled and the roads are very much improved. People begin to think they can move about again. Farmers have commenced their Spring work this week, they have not been able to before.

Your father has commenced his gardening. We have a brood of chickens containing a dozen, two or three weeks old. They will be large enough to bake for Pet by the time you get home.

I have not been quite as well this week as when I wrote you last. About a week ago, I took a little cold, or by some cause unknown, had a little "*back set*,, but am much better, and gaining again now. Anna has been out of School this week to help me. Hattie is coming to stay with us awhile, till I get quite well, so that

I shall be in no danger of overdoing. It has been a similar attack. (a bronchial difficulty) to the one I had last Spring. It was brought on by a cold, and has been more severe. For a few days my lungs were somewhat affected, but they do not seem to be at all now. I have some cough, and am a little hoarse, but both cough and hoarseness are diminishing ~~improving~~ daily. I feel very comfortable. but know that it is necessary to be careful, and mean to be. Your father has been troubled a good deal with colds this Spring. but is nearly free now.

Mr. Gray's folks are moving to their new home to day. It is a warm, lovely day. Frank Angier's family are settled in the old house. The Dr. says they look as neat as a pin.

Mrs. Clapp called here to day. She [redacted] me joyful intelligence [illegible]. She rec'd a letter from Pepper [illegible] letter, informing her he thought he had experienced religion. You can imagine with what emotions a mother and such a mother as Mrs. Clapp, would receive such intelligence. It is a very interesting time in Springfield. Howard Richardson is also one of the converts. Mr. Clapp told your father of Howard's conversion last Sabbath. I hope these conversions may be the means of others in both families.

Mr. Gray heard in Princeton not long since that Charles Dascom had become a Christian. He has been at home this winter, there has been more than usual religious interest there. Laura Brown went to Vermont in March. She told me the morning she left she thought she should teach the coming Summer. Her father had written her there was a school near that she could have, where they would pay good wages, and she thought if she could get a certificate, she would take it.

All unite in love and best wishes. and hope to hear from you soon

Your aff. mother [redacted]

much interest and pleasure as myself the time when we shall be together again at home. May our Heavenly Father grant us this so much desired favor.

Your affectionate mother
L. M. Gee

Granville Aug. 12. 1866.

Dear Mary,

Your long and very welcome letter was rec'd yesterday. It did seem a long time since we had heard from you, but we supposed there was a good reason. And I am thinking it may seem a long time to you not to hear from home, for we had been thinking every day we should hear from you, and had ceased writing, scarcely realizing that so long a time had elapsed since we wrote you. Your father started early this morning for Ottawa. He went with Elijah Phillips, who is on his way to Livingston Co. to spend a few weeks breaking the land they have purchased there

We are very thankful to hear from time to time that you are well, and that time passes so rapidly and pleasantly with you. I hope your constant occupation and varied duties may not prove too arduous for your health, but that you will return to us in as good health and spirits as you seem now to be now enjoying. I hope you will use every precaution to preserve your health, What kind of wrappers were those sent you from West Hartford Had they long sleeves like the others you had? and were they of the same material? You must use your judgment, and wear such ones as will be most for your health and comfort. I suppose I shall have to wear under wrappers this Summer. I am very sensitive to every change in temperature, and presume

I shall have to guard against feeling the sudden changes to which we are so subject. I still cough, and am hoarse. but both are diminishing gradually, and my strength is increasing. I feel much better some days. and think I shall gain much more rapidly when we have steady, warm weather. Which we have not had yet

We have had warm days. but have a good many chilly ones. My general health has been much more affected by the attack of bronchitis this Spring than it was last. But the Dr. thinks with care. it will be fully restored by warm weather.

Mrs. Clough has finished my dresses except the trimmings for the silk. It is very neatly made. and is a handsome dress. I will send you a piece of it. The brown dress is made plain buttons in front, and a little velvet on the sleeves. That is a very good looking dress. though not particularly nice. Anna is having a dress made of the remainder of hers and Carrie's - like yours, and also some other dresses fixed - Every thing she has worn before in the Summer has to be made over. She is taking music lessons now. does not take but one a week yet, but will take two, when she has. finished her Algebra and Arithmetic. Mrs. Kirchner is washing here to day, as she does every week.

Col. Bowen's little daughter was buried last week Monday. She died of croup. She had had typhoid fever, and was recovering, but took cold, and croup ensued, which proved fatal. All unite in love to you, and are anticipating with us

Woodstock march the 19 1809

Dear Daughter

having anopertunity to wright to you to let you know how
we are at this time your fathers Cold wars hard upon him yet
but I think he is Some better than he was when you went away
the rest of our famaly are all well at present your granmother
is more Comfertablel and the the Children are better and I hope
that these lins will find you and yours injoying the Same great
bleesing we are lonesom last night and this holy morning you
was very much mist by all the famaly but I hope ~~[illegible]~~ you will prove
alasting bleesing in this your new relation Studda to keep
aconchance void offence boath toards god and man ever Set
the feare of ~~G~~god before your eyes and Sin not with your lips
Studda to have Crist for your guide ever have him upon your
heart and with him ~~[illegible]~~ for your guide you never nead to fear
you are now become one of the heads of afamaly be carfull to
Set agood exampel if religion and vertue are not to be
found in famalys whare Can wee expect to ~~fine~~ find it o my ~~dau~~
daughter you have ben a Child of my prayers for this many years
that god would renew and Santafy you and that I might be So
happa as to Se my Children walk in the truth but we are
Commanded to pray and not to faint So I take new Corrage and
Dayly renew my pittion for you all hopeing that I Shall one
day reap the reword of my prayers it was Somthing wortha of
notice when I ~~[illegible]~~ Consider that it was just Six years Sence your
Sester left this world and is gone to rest I hope you left your
fathers house and I hope you will be happa in your new ~~home~~
and be prepard to follow your littel Sisters that are gone before
~~Lidya~~ Leonard and hannah got home Safe I was Sorra you left
your Sivs we Sent them after you was gon from your granmether
So Elias broght them back but I will Send them the furst
opertunity you must right the furst opertunity and let us
know when you get your house Cleane for I shant Come till
you are alone you must keep ~~p~~ up good Corrage and be agood girl
So no more from your Loveing mother Lucy mason

your father and Brothers and lois all Send thare love to
you and mr Dean

Mrs Lucretia Dean

Killingly

Connecticut

Woodſtock April the 5 1809

Dear Daughter

it is with pleſure that I now take my pen to let you know that through the care of akind preſerver our famaly are all in health but your father and he is not Sick but lame in his foot we dont now what is the matter with it its come of it Self Some of the time it is queite painfull he has had the doctor but dont git any releiſe and I am Some afraid it will forme acollectio but hope it wont your granmother is got comfortabel and the reſt of thair famaly are well Capt monſes famaly have ben all thare women folks Sick with Colds hannah and dolla are got better but are pretta low now the reſt have all got better mrs ben Lyon has got to bed and has aſon and is queite Comfortabel thare was three babes buried the week before laſt in this parriſh So we are frequently warned and as thare is no age nor Sex exempt from the Stroke of Death we ont ever to Stand prepard with our lamps trimed and burning and in this ~~you~~ way we may meet our god in peace wich will god of his ~~grat~~ great mercy grant may be our happy lot at laſt is my dayly prayer but I muſt Conclude your loveing mother and well wiſher Lucy maſon

I want to Se you very much but if your father Shoud have aSore I dont no when Shall but you muſt come and Se us as Soon ~~as~~ as you can your father found one of your Catton Shirts under the Snow it had lain out all winter but it aint hirt your father and Brothers Send there love to you and mr Dean you muſt write to me the firſt opertunity or I Shall think you have forgot that you had amother but be aſſurd I hant forgot you you muſt not let any Bodda Se my poor Spelling but you muſt take the will for the Deed but your father hurries to go to bed

Mrs
Lucretia Dean
Killingly

Woodſtock September 13 . 1809

Dear Daughter

it is with pleſure that I take my pen to wright to you to let you know that through the Care of a kind preſerver I and the reſt of the famaly injoy good health at this time and hope that you injoy the Same great bleſsing your father and brother got home Safe we found the horſe at home and william took them back and met them at the factory your father Said that you Said that you Should Come home next week I have ben talking with william and he Cant make it Convenent to bring his lady home She is at Cantabury on a viſit and he Says that it would Sute him better the latter part of the month if it [illegible] not diſoblige you I Should be glad to have you heare when She dos Come but I would have you Come when you Can beſt I was very Sorra for your Diſapointment at training but if you did not make your Self Sick with your fetague I Shall be very thankfull you muſt remember that trebel and Diſapointment is the Common lot of us all but if thay Serve but to wean our hearts from this world and place them in heave thay will prove bleſsings in the end I want to Se you So that it Sems Some times as if I Could not wait I Scarce Cloſe my eys to Slepe but I ether make you a viſit before I Slep or in my Sleep but I muſt bid you adue for hannah morſe is juſt Come to See us So no more from

your Loveing
mother Lucy maſon

to mrs Lucretia Dean

give my reſpects to mr Dean and your mother and her famaly

Mrs. Lucretia Deane
Killingly.

Fryeburg Sept 15th 1806

Dear Sister, I gladly embrace this opportunity of writing you a few lines, to inform you that I am yet in good health, & hope that you enjoy the same. It was with pleasure that I received the last letters from Woodstock, by which I was informed that our friends were all well & I believe still think of me; although separated to so great a distance. O Lucretia I hope the we shall the pleasure of again assembling round our paternal board and taste the sweets of domestic happiness; but the time when is uncertain, —

My occupation will necessarily exclude me ~~mi~~ from enjoying each others society; but if deprived of vocal conversation, may we ever cultivate that of writing. I have no particular news to write you, it a very general time of health here; rather a poor place for a physician I believe, I am still pouring over books of various descriptions, & am in hopes that it is not a useless business, surely it is pleasing to contemplate the great laws of nature, I have a fellow student, a very sensible & agreeable companion, which adds spirit to hours which otherways might be somewhat dull.

I have lately heard from Pomfret, & was informed that our friends there & at Lyme were all well & that they expected a visit from you & Leonard this fall, If you should journey that way I wish you a pleasant ride, & so must bid you farewell.

Lucretia Mason —— William K. Mason.

P.S. Please to give my love to all enquiring friends & to those young ladies who favored me with their compliments in particular Wm K. M.

William Mason

Miſs, Lucretia Mason,
Woodstock
Connect,

Dartmouth Oct. 29. 1826

Dear Sister. A short time since I recd letters from Mother & Elias. informing of the melancholly death of Mr. Dean. The death of the head of a family like yours at any time & in whatever way it may happen must be peculiarly afflicting; but when thus suddenly. it must be peculiarly so.

I presume there are none that can realize the cutting sting of such bereavements, but those who have had the rod of affliction thus heavily laid upon them: but dear Sister we believe God knows best when & how to chastise. & it ever becomes our duty to submit.

I wish very much to see you; but probably shall not untill next Spring & then if life & health are spared I calculate to come to Connecticut.

O may the God of Mercies support you & your dear children through this sad affliction & may you yet see days of pleasantness.

My little family are all in comfortable
at this time & hope this may you
in the enjoyment of the same inestimable blessing.

Please to write soon as I feel peculiarly anxious to hear from you.
Death has been sweeping off our friends & connexion rapidly within a few years past & who of us may next be called off God only knows.
Oh that we may all be suitably prepared to meet the event whenever it may please God so to direct. & if so the time when, is a matter of small importance.
Accept of our best wishes for your future happiness both here & hereafter.

Yours affectionately MWB Mason

Mrs Lucretia Dean

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Mr. Sumistine Dean.
Killingly
Connecticut

Dartmouth April 3. 1832

Dear Mother. It is considerable time since I wrote you and I have been waiting to see if I could dispose of my place before winter; but for the present it has fallen through.

I thought I should have sold this spring but there was a claim upon a part of my land; which the man I bought of could not get extinguished till it was too late; but it is now clear off well. I think I shall sell out between this & next spring.

My family at present are all in tolerable health & hope that you and all our friends enjoy the same blessing.

It has been a complaining time since I was up last summer and some of my neighbours & acquaintance that were then enjoying health have since paid the great debt of nature & who of us may next be summoned, God only knows. In one family of my acquaintance the

Mother aged about 45. Two daughters young women & a son about 16 have all died of Typhus fever within four months & another daughter is now dangerously sick of the same fever. The influenza has prevailed here through the winter & spring thus far & many people that were old & feeble have died with it.

It was remarkably sickly last fall among horses in this vicinity and many died, 40 or 50 in this town & some towns to the northward lost more than 100. My family have all been sick but myself since I last wrote you.

Please to give our united love to our dear Brother & Sister and all friends that may enquire.

Please to write soon as I wish very much to hear from my dear mother while life lasts Wm. Mason

Dartmouth Ms
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Mr Elias Mason 2d
Woodstock
Connecticut

In the Name of God, Amen I Stephen Richardson of the town of Sublette in the County of Lee and State of Illinois of the age of Seventy three years and being of sound mind and memory, do make publish and declare this my last Will and testament in manner following, that is to say

First, I give and bequeath to the Bishop of the Church of Jesus Christ or Latter Day Saints, The One Hundred Dollar Share I hold as Stock in the Order known as the First United Order of Enoch Also the sum of Four Hundred Dollars in money, The Stock & Money to be paid and delivered to the said Bishop, within One year from the time of my decease or death to be kept by said Bishop for the use of the Poor of said Church, to be paid out as the Poor of said Church may need the same

Second, I give and bequeath to my son Nathan W Richardson the sum of One Hundred Dollars, the same to be paid after the decease of my wife Erepta Richardson

Third, I give and bequeath to my wife Erepta Richardson, after making the payments to the Bishop as aforesaid the use of all my Personall Estate

Goods & Chattels of what kind and nature so- during her lifetime and after her decease or death and the payment to my son Nathan W Richardson of the One Hundred Dollars above mentioned. Then all the rest residue and remainder I give and bequeath to my Children sons & daughters in equal shares, the grand Children in all cases to take according parents share and no more

And I hereby appoint my son in law John Hetzler sole Executor of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 25th day of September in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred & Seventy two.

Stephen Richardson

The above instrument consisting of one sheet was at the date thereof, signed sealed published and declared by the said Stephen Richardson as and for his last will and

Testament in presence of us who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto

Thos Angin residing at Sublette Lee Co
Peter S [illegible], at Sublette Lee Co Ill

Lines to a Bereaved Parent

by Mrs. J. K. Cornell.

"When on my ear your loss was knelled
And tender sympathy up burst,
A little rill from memory welled
Which once had soothed my bitter thirst.
And I was fain to bear to you
Some portion of its mild relief,
That it might be as healing dew
To steal some power from your grief.

After our child's untroubled breath
Up to the Father took its way,
And on our home the shade of death
Like a long twilight haunting lay,
And friends came round with us to weep
Her little spirit's swift remove,
This story, of the Alpine sheep
Was told to us by one we love.

Fed in the valley's sheltering care
[illegible] of the meadow's tender prime,
And when the sod grows brown & bare,
The shepherd strives to make them climb
To airy shelves of pasture green
That hang along the mountain side,
Where grass and flowers together lean
And down through mists the sunbeams glide.

But naught can tempt the timid things
That steep and rugged path to try,
Though sweet the shepherd calls & sings,
And seared below the pastures lie,
Till in his arms their lambs he takes,
Along the dizzy verge to go.
Then, heedless of the drifts & breaks
They hasten on o'er rocks & snow.

And in those pastures lifted fair
More downy soft than lowland mead
The shepherd drops his tender care
And sheep & lambs together feed.

This parable, by nature breathed,
Blew o'er me as a south wind free
O'er frozen brooks, that flow unsheathed
From icy thraldom to the sea—
A blissful vision through the night
Would all my happy senses sway,
Of the Good Shepherd on the height,
Or climbing up the stony way,
Holding our little lamb asleep;
And like the bourdon of the sea
Sounded that voice along the deep,
Saying "Arise and follow me."

Mrs Gore

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La Moille, Ill., May — 12, — 1893.

My Dear Pupils :-

During the evening of June 7, '92 my heart was filled pride as each of you did so well his or her part and many times since as I have heard of your success or noted it I have felt proud of you and glad to think of the pleasant relations which existed between us as teacher and pupils. I rec'd the Class ~~lette~~ letter on the morning of May 3^d & as I read it I felt very proud of you as a class but with the feeling came many others not so pleasant, among them the thot of the great responsibilities before each of you and the fear, yea even the positive knowledge that I had failed in many ways to help prepare you for them. But with thankfulness I remembered that the most of you were consecrated to the work of the Heavenly Master & the firm belief that all would be I felt again like asking Him to take you into His keeping & make each and every one of us more faithful & worthy. For the many kind expressions in your letters concerning myself I am very grateful. Pummie suggests a vote of thanks to me & while I thank her

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for the suggestion & know that it comes from a kind heart yet I have had too many evidences of the appreciation of the class for my efforts in their behalf to need a formal vote of thanks.

Now some of you have offered suggestions and as I have enjoyed *that* privilege so long I, too, must beg the privilege of making a few. In the first place the class of '92 while containing a very worthy individual in every one of its members yet it was made up of persons differing very much as to their individuality and therefore (disguise it as much as we can) there has been (through our lack of charity for each other) engendered some feelings not prompted by the right spirit. Now let us, in the future lay aside every thot of the faults each other & remembering only the better qualities & the pleasant associations of the past let us endeavor to procure a more intimate relation in a permanent class union & if possible let that feeling prevail which shall ~~reflect credit~~ prompt us to endeavor to do only those things which shall reflect credit upon the class of '92. In making the above suggestion I hope I will not

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call to mind too many unpleasant tho'ts as that has been the farthest from my intentions but rather that we may make good & lasting resolutions for the future. And now let me say again that I have only a kindly feeling for each and every one of you & one which will prompt me (if it should be in my power) to aid any or all of you. Please, then, remember my few virtues & forget my *many* faults. And now having shown my "failing" (of lecturing) I can proceed with some other tho'ts which may be of interest to those of you who are absent. The class of '93 is very busy just preparing for commencement & we have the same general mingling of shades of dress goods, Philosophy, Gloves, Gen. History, Slippers, Rhetoric, Flowers, Essays & Commencement Pragrams that we had in '92. I have left out Geom. because the class finished that two weeks ago & (as I write) they are are busy with their final Ex. in Physics & the "Nervous member" of '93 is pounding her desk and crying O Dear I never heard of such examples! We are to have class sermon by Rev. Roe at Cong. church as to our arrangements for

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commencement I will not write as each one of you is to be favored with an invitation to attend. If there is any thing further to be said I will let No. 1 write that after commencement. The class of '93 have been very faithful in their work & the result will be good. Their preparation for com. is very good and while we finish the work we are doing a great deal in the way of practicing for it. & Now let me urge you, each one, to keep the class letter going & thus retain the pleasant memories of the past. I am very glad that some of you are enjoying such excellent opportunities for advancement this year and sorry that any of you should feel discouraged because you think others have a better opportunity than you you have, but bear in mind that there is as much need for you in the place you now occupy as in any other & that if you do your whole duty advancement is sure to come. You are not to have the opportunity of chosing for yourself for while Pummie might tell us "that all the World's a stage" she might also tell us that "There's a Divinity that shapes our ends". Let us then, so live that (in the recognition of the fact

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that this life is but a period of preparation for the life to come) When the summons comes we may be prepared for that final reunion. "We question if ever this bright happy throng shall meet on Life's border. If not When Life's O'er may we be united on Eden's fair shore". Hoping to have the privilege & great pleasure of reading many more class letters from the class of '92 I am Sincerely your
Friend Wm R. Madison.

P. S. As this class letter began with a P. S. it shall end with one. What I have lacked in Penmanship I have endeavored to make up in length of letter. C. H. of '93 will give me a few lessons in penmanship when he gets through lettering the Diplomas. Yours. W. R. Madison

Watertown, March 10th 1806

Dear and Affectionate Friend.

I am now presented with a few moments to compose you a few lines, I am in exceeding good health at this time, it is a great satisfaction to me to write to an absent friend, and much greater to converse with one, and verry pleasing to receive letters, I am sorry to say I have not received a letter from you but I hope I form a corrispondence soon with you, Hitty Bond is published and expects to be married soon, Moses has gone to sea, and Mr Fuller is verry weak and indeed, he cannot raise himself alone in the be he is cofined to his chamber, and do not expect he will hold out but a verry short time, I must close my letter soon for It draws on for ten o clock and my pen is poor and forces me to leave writing—

Pleas to remember me to your Father and Mother and all your Brother and your ~~a~~ Grandmother and a Great sare of it yourself. adieu for the pesent

Lucretia Mason.

Lucy Thayer

Miſs Lucretia Mason

Woodstock.

Boston Feby 18th 1835.

Mrs Mason

I only know that I have an Aunt, by your name, by circumstances would that twas from knowledge at the present time however, my object in writing to you, is to give you information relative to the Revolutionary claim of the legal heirs of Col. Wm Bond - as you are aware, Mr Burch obtained from many of the heirs while here in 1833 consent to prosecute the Claim in Congreſs he doing so at his own cost, upon condition of receiving one half of the amt. allowed by Congreſs -

Your Brother in Hallowell, & Dr. Henry Bond of Philadelphia, would not come in to this propositon to give so great a consideration to prosecute the busineſs - consequently, when the allowance of 7 years half pay had been allowed, paſs'd and become a law - it became neceſsary to appoint some one of the Heirs Administrator in order to receive from the U. S. Treasury the amt. granted to said heirs - in Oct. last, I was appointed, and consulting several of the heirs, we agreed, that twas best, that some one should go to Washington, legally authorized and get the money due - as the bargain to be made with Mr Burch, was not consummated — I went to Washington in Nov. thro the aid of Mr. Burch I obtained (thirty one hundred & fifty dollars ($3150) — He Mr. B. was willing to agree to whatever terms I should, for the heirs propose, as all had not come into the arrangement in the outset — I paid him 20 pr ct. $630 This you will perceive is widely different from what had been expected — but she seem'd satisfied

I was in New York, a week or two since, & noticed by the reports from Congress, that the claim for Interest on this amt. had been passed the Senate — I have heard nothing officially with reference to the matter — but doubt whether the House of Representatives will be able to attend during the present Short Session to the claim. —

I yesterday rendered my account into the Probate Court, in the County of Middlesex. and shall be ready to pay the heirs, in a few days — There are 8 families, and about 2350$ to be divided among them — each being intitled to 295.$ or thereabouts — Therefore if you will authorize some person to sign the necessary receipt for this amount, (he must have a legal power of Attorney.) I will pay it at any time, after the 1st of March next —

Please do me the favor to write me a good long letter, it would be extremely interesting, to hear from the Sister of my dear good mother, who though she died while I was quite a child, still I remember her with feelings of affectionate devotion —

Respectfully Your nephew

Elias B. Thayer

Please to No. 13. Broad St.

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Mrs. Lucy Mason.
Woodstock.
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Philad^a June 24th 1847

My Dear Cousin,

It is now a considerable time since any letters have passed between, and perhaps you have found my inquisitiveness so troublesome that you would be glad never to hear from me again. I hope, however, you will pardon my importunity.

Dr. Thaddeus W. Harris, the Librarian of Harvard University has been engaged for some time in collecting a genealogy of the descendants of your ancestor Capt. Hugh Mason, & I have been aiding him as far as in my power. He proposes to have it printed before long, and is anxious to have it as full and precise as possible. I think it will be a very interesting little book to you & your family.

Dr. Harris is very desirous of obtaining the following information, in addition to what I formerly received from you.

1. The date of the decease of your grandmother, Lydia Mason.
2. Have you any record or tradition, that your grandfather, Elias Mason was married to Ruth Chinery before he married Lydia Brown? — (If so had he any children by Ruth?
3. He is very desirous of obtaining the dates of the marriage of each of the brothers & sisters of your father.
4. The date of the decease of your Uncles Elijah, Jonathan, Marshall, & your Aunt Sophia Moore.
5. Had your Uncle, Marshall Mason, any children? If so, can you give an account of them? Are any of them now living, & what are their names & residence?

6 What was the occupation the of several sons and sons-in-law of your grandfather Mason, Did any of them hold any office in the church, the militia, or any civil office?

7 Your cousin Ebenezer Skinner married Sophia Mason, was she the daughter of your Uncle Elias?

8. ~~Your brother Leonard married Lucy Morse. Was she the daughter of your Aunt Sophia Morse? You gave me the names of eight children of that Aunt, but no one named Lucy.~~ What are the names of the children of your brother Leonard & where are they? I find upon examination that I have made a mistake—Leonard m. Sarah Morse —

9. Have you ascertained yet to what town in N. York State, your uncle Elijah moved? Can you tell where any of his children now reside?

You will not probably be able to collect the information so fully & precisely as we desire; but by giving some attention to it, I doubt not but you will be able to make some important additions to what you sent to me before. I do not presume that you will, personally, do it all yourself; but I hope your children will feel so much interest in seeing the project fully accomplished, that it will be a pleasure to them to aid you. I also hope that there may be many in your extensive cousinhood, who possess the ability and disposition to lend their aid with alacrity. For I should be sorry to learn that that branch of the great Mason family had fallen so far behind the others, in intelligence & liberality, as to be unable or unwilling or indifferent as to aiding in completing their genealogical tree. If you find it necessary to incur any expense in postage or otherwise I will cheerfully repay it.

Where you can do nothing else, in respect to some of the families, remotely situated, I hope you will furnish the name and residence of some one or more of them, who would be most likely to have the ability and disposition to furnish the desired information.

It would give me pleasure to visit you again, and I had hoped to be able to do so before this time, I may do it in a year or two. Your relatives residing in this city are all well — I say all — for there is one son & one grand daughter of your Uncle Henry, — one child & three grand children of your uncle Charles — one child & three or four grandchildren of your uncle Jonathan — & one son, one daughter in law & four grand children of your aunt Susan Thayer. I have today received a letter from Daniel Bond, son of Dea. Samuel Bond, & grandson of your uncle Capt. Charles Bond. He is a member of the junior class in Hamilton College — a young man of promising talents, who intends to devote himself to the Gospel Ministry.

With the best wishes for yourself and family

I am affectionately yours

Henry Bond

"Henry Bond M.D. born at Watertown, Mass Mar 21, 1790 graduated at Dartmouth in 1813, settled in Philadelphia as a physician in 1819, where he gained a high reputation. He published, besides many professional papers, a "History and Genealogies of Watertown" (1855), one of the best works of its class. Died May. 4. 1859." From Johnson's New Universal Cyclopaedia 1878

Mrs. Lucretia Dean

Woodstock

North Woodstock Nov 19th 1866

Dear Sister

I have forgotten just how long it is since I wrote you. but as events measure time as well as days so much has occurred which will interest you to learn if not already by some one else. posted. We are all in usual health so far as our family and more of our relations are concerned about us. Ezra is gaining his strength and is better at this time than he has been since he was taken down with fever & ague and if nothing new takes place we hope he will be very comfortable so far as his general health is concerned his hand trembles badly and some days is unable to write but can endure more than he could I think before he was taken sick last. I had a letter from Lucretia a few days ago she wrote she was improving although I suppose feeble but I was rejoiced to hear she is better. Typhoid fever has prevailed in our village & neighborhood

, or a few weeks past and terminated in the death of several of our citizens. neighbours and others are still sick although now considered dangerous now. Mrs E. C. May is still sick of fever. Mrs Stebbins (was Mary Amidon) Mrs Carter Davis Two boys 11 & 15 years old. Dr Chandlers whole family have been sick. but some are out and the remainder are getting better Samuel Barnett's two oldest boys Alby & Henry.— Henry died, Henry first. They have a little daughter now sick with it.. Mrs Stebbins lost a little child two years or more about some three weeks ago and was then taken herself with fever. A Mr Eldred a painter who worked for me was taken sick and died in 5 or 6 days. Mr Foster's daughter fifteen years old. died after a sickness of three weeks. a fine promising child. a christian. very consistent very much loved by her mates. and others Mr Bolton Newton died sudden of what is called malignant pustule. lived only 4 days after the pimple made its appearance on his hand he had made no preparation for so sudden a summons to give acct of his stewardship had lived on the faults of professors of religion

and seemed to Expcese himself on that plea
which I doubt not he would was powerless to
help him in his last death Struggle. I will not
undertake to give you all the news what may
interest as but not you particularly..

I am getting along the work on the shops so that
I Expect by the end of this month to get onto them
with the painting and framing and harness work
in one: and ~~[illegible]~~ wood work on the other I have
not been able to get the work along as speedily as
I was in hopes on account of sickness of help
& their families and some hard weather although
it has been very pleasant most of the time
since I received your last the Elections have
taken place which we all looked for with so much
interest.. as a rebuke to a Scheming and disloyal
President.. ready to sacrifice the best interest not only
~~[illegible]~~ and hopes for the future of an abused
and down trodden ~~down~~ race but the peace of the
whole Country to gratify his own shortsighted self willed
ambition.. to dictate terms of return to
allegiance ~~of~~ of rebells and his own natural
friends, but Enemies to the Country.. but I
think he can not now be in doubt who his

friends are .. rebels and the offscourings of
mankind .in the free States those who have during
the struggle ..for national Existence sympathized
with
the .. traitors .. and I trust with the North
Mech. a Strong Republican, Congress makes
in his Jaws he will not be able to overturn
the Government which I have no doubt he
would readily do .. if it Cost so much to
carry out his policy. -

Give my kind regards to Mr Bailey and
others who may Enquire after us. ~~I am~~ remain

Your affectionate Brother

L M Dean

PS I did not mention the death of
Mrs George Bugbee perhaps I did when
I wrote you last among the deaths

Leonard?

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East Woodstock May 14th 1860

Dear Cousin Mary—

How do you do this cold blustering day? quite a contrast from last Saturday I think. Two weeks ago last Friday I went to the preparatory lecture and after lecture went to the Office and there found a letter from you, and right glad I was to get it. I said as soon as I got it then I am going to answer this night anyway but found, that I was out of paper & finally concluded not to wait any longer and so take a sheet of my Uncle's. You wanted to know if I remembered of our being to your Uncle Leonard's? Oh! yes! Indeed! I wish we were there now, and then I wish you was coming to my house to stay a good long while. and we would have a good time if they are cleaning house. Abby has been cleaning a little. Aunt Pamelia's limbs I think are a little better. But she sits a good part of her time in her old accustomed place with a needle & thread in her hand. She has got a Gingham dress above done, besides a great deal other ~~of~~ sewing she has done. Aunt and Uncle went to Putnam the other day and got a new set for the Parlor Chamber and took what was in there and put in our little Chamber I suppose the Hammonds think that she has a claim on that room; But we will call it ours since we [illegible] he cant help himself. Aunt Amelia will have a job now to make her carpet. it is quite pretty I think the colors are orange & green.

I am glad that you could get you a hat; I cant get me one so easy I want a flat-crown but could not find one what style is yours flat or round?

I guess that Anna does not like any too well. Cli. Backus I think is making an effort to get her nearer home.

Emma was back two weeks ago last Sunday. I have not heard from her

since Ella left so don't know how she
likes her new place. Uncle is much
better I think since he began to work out
door although, he gets quite tired some
days and does not rest very well the day
the night. As for myself I can't say
that I feel very chipper. I shall try
and get better fast so I can climb that
mountain with you. I thought by what
you said the other day that Uncle had
some notion of going to Hadley this
summer, and if he does of course I shall
go with him. I have not said much
about it yet but I guess it will all
come out pretty soon. Our new
neighbor seems to take all the comfort
in the world, and I guess she has
all the callers she wants. I do my
part. The tea bell has just rung and
I think I will draw my epistle to a close.
Uncle, Aunt, Mother and all unite in sending
much love. Excuse me, Would you take tea
with us tonight. Should be most happy to
have you! Once more I will kiss you Good night. Cousin [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

Geneseo June 15th, 1888

Dear Sister Mary

As I write, you are taking your dear Boy to his quiet little spot in the Cemetery, I feel so sorry neither Ezra or I could have been with you today Pa being away Ezra goes to the store at Six in the morning and does not get home till nine in the evening. if Baby had been real well I should have gone to you myself. but she is getting teeth and either cries or frets most of the time and sleeps so poor nights that all I can do is to take care of her. but I know you

that Dean has left you. you
will both be completely worn
out. poor little fellow I am
glad as long as we knew he
never could be well. that he
has gone where there is no
suffering. with him it is
all happiness and rest now
but for so long he has been
so tenderly cared for by you
and I know so well the long
heartache that is left. I have
so often thought of the many
things that you have done for
his happiness, and he always
enjoyed everything that he had
so much, I think it will be such
a comfort to you to know
that you have always consulted
his happiness and comfort as
you did. Your Baby will never
realize what a little comfort

she was to Dean. I never till
our own precious Baby came
knew the intensity of a Mothers
love, but it seems to me now
I can enter into the feelings
of other Mothers hearts, and
I feel so truly sorry for you &
Do in the sorrow that has ~~been~~
been yours so long, and I trust
much happiness may come into
your lives in this world, and
then the joy of meeting all of
your loved ones on the other
side. Can you ~~not~~ come down
and see us and have a little
rest, we will just let you be
quiet you need see no one
unless you like. I know how
very much you need it, and
we are so very anxious to
have you. I hope Uncle Wilders
people will come and I know

they will if they get the word
in time, Ma just had a nice
visit there of a week. yesterday
and today the weather has been
very warm, we have not heard
from Pa since he went West
we feel a little anxious as
he is often taken so suddenly
sick, now do try Mary if possible
and come down for a little rest
and change we shall certainly
expect you soon. I should be
so glad if Dr could come
with you and perhaps he can
With a great deal of love

Your sister

Ellie R—

June 19 1888

Dear friends; Mary and Albert
we all sympathize with you
as we have felt the same thing
your little one has passed away
still how sweet to think they
are at rest after so mutch sufering
perhaps not in Boddy so Mutch
but in Mind Being deprived
of so Mutch that he Could ingoyed
had he been well these Menny
years; now one can think of him
with the loved ones that have
left us and gone before what
a pleasent thought; he has escaped
the ills of life that Menny Young
men have to pass through
a kind Father has Taken him

home; we started to go over to
the funeral the storm struck us
we were so long detained that we
came back got home not far from
noon, it Rained very hard where we
were; if we all keep well think I
shall be over before long
all well at present

when you can we would
like to have you come and
make us a nice visit

with Mutch love

F W Clapp

East Woodstock
April 13th 1867

My Dear Cousin Mary
When I recieved your letter I cannot express to you my feelings, as I in some degree realized the great afflictions you had been called to pass through. I well remember what you said to me one day when you were looking foward to the time when you should return to spend the vacation. with your friends. You said Oh Abbie What a dear good Mother I have got. Yes Dear Mary you did have a dear good Mother: and what a comfort it must be to you that you were able to be with her through most of her sickness and listen to her sweet council. and to do what you could to make her last days comfortable. In one of her last letters she spoke of what a great

comfort it was to have your face to look upon every day. and spoke of how kind every one was to her. : I very much want to hear how you are all getting along. you have still a dear Father and Sister left you. for a comfort. I trust you all will be spared to be a great blessing to each other. I think I realize the loss of my friends more as I grow older I feel the loss of my Mothers advice and council. But we know that — God orders all things for our best good.

I have not been to home much for the last two months. I was to your Uncle Leonards. and kept house. While your Aunt Louisa went to Boston and Lowell. she went to see Anna she found her quite well and happy. I am now with Aunt Mary Chandlers she has had very sore hands and has not been able to do her work she is better and I think I shall not have to stay much longer. She wishes to be remembered to you + Anna. I suppose you have heard that our minister has left us we have not got any one to preach for us yet, but hope we shall get some one for a year at least, but do not expect to find one that will fill Mr Pratts place in every respect. I saw Maryann Paine the other day she spoke of the pleasant visit she had to your house although it made her feel sad to see your Mother failing so rapidly. She enjoyed her visit out west very much indeed.

I think Pamelia Masons health is not as good as it was a year ago she seems to be loosing flesh and does not seem so strong. I do not know how she will get through the spring she has not been out much this winter perhaps the warm weather may agree with her. Your Aunt P said she had writen to you so I suppose she wrote you the particulars about their family. Oh Mary how much I would like to see you and have a good long talk with you. I hope you will write often and let me know how you are getting along you must take good care of yourself. and not work too hard. I should be very glad to have Anna write to me I think she promised too. when she was out here. I should like to see her very much.

I am intending to write to your Aunt Hannah soon. I was very glad she could be with you at the time of your Mother's death I think she must feel very lonely. I am very glad she has so pleasant a home. I hope soon to hear from you all and I will try and be more punctual about answering your letters and be assured you are not forgotten by your, Cousin Abbie.

Dean